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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS DISPLAYED BY AMERICA

Executive Clemency Extended Prisoners and Much Charity Work Done—Blease and Hooper Lead in Pardoning Role in the South—Wilson Grants One Federal Prisoner His Liberty, for Christmas Gift.

"WHITE CHRISTMAS" WELCOMED BY CITIES IN THE NORTH FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

National Government Practically at a Standstill, While Officials Eat Turkey With Families at Home—Community Christmas Tree Celebrations Are Numerous Throughout Breadth and Length of Land.

Atlanta, Ga., December 24. — The advent of Christmas in the South was marked by executive clemency to prisoners and to the poor, and various public celebrations in city and country.

Among the Governors who issued pardons, commutations and paroles to convicts, were Blease of South Carolina and Hooper of Tennessee. Many city and county judges also showed leniency in court actions.

Governor Hooper also made the occasion one for abolishing striped uniforms in the two state penal institutions. The new garb is a brownish gray. Heretofore, it has been allowed only to prisoners whose good conduct made them eligible for the first class.

Gifts of food and clothing to the poor were especially extensive in the chief Southern cities. Funds for the purpose were collected by both newspapers and charitable organizations. Public dinners for the needy have been provided for by charitable agencies.

Montgomery, Memphis, Jackson, Miss., and other Southern cities had municipal Christmas trees tonight. Churches generally planned some celebration of the season's significance.

National Government at Standstill.

Washington, Dec. 24. — The nation's government was virtually at a standstill tonight. On Christmas Eve everybody from the President down to the minor departmental employees, had declared a holiday. The first real snow storm of the winter put in its appearance to add to the setting of the Christmas celebration.

A community celebration was held on the plaza in frop of the capitol, thousands of children braving the snow storm to gather about a brilliantly decorated tree loaded down with presents.

President Wilson, with a group of his close relatives, spent Christmas Eve at the White House, preparing a tree for his small grand niece, Anna Cothran, and Sally McAdoo, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury. In the party were the President's three daughters, Mrs. F. B. Sayre, Mrs. McAdoo, and Miss Margaret Wilson, Mr. Sayre, Secretary McAdoo, Sally McAdoo, Mrs. Edward Howe, the President's sister, Mrs. Anne Cothran, his niece, Anne Cothran, and Miss Helen Bones, his cousin.

At 8:30 o'clock the President touched the button which illuminated a "community" Christmas tree in Brooklyn. During the evening he sent greetings to many friends in different parts of the country.

CHRISTMAS IN BERLIN

Celebrated Very Much as Usual—Hospitals All Have Christmas Trees

Berlin, Dec 24.—via London Dec. 25. —(1:25 A. M.) Berlin is celebrating Christmas eve under leaden skies. Several inches of snow that fell during the night turned to slush. Christmas here differs little from former years. The home enjoyments are on a more economic scale and more public spirited pass is shown. Gifts for the poor have assumed proportions never before known.

Soldiers are being remembered by the whole population and hundreds of carloads of presents have been sent to the East and West fronts. School children figure largely in the gifts for the soldiers.

The military aspect of this Christmas has been increased by the lavish attention to the wounded in the hospitals. Here every hospital yesterday evening or this evening had a Christmas tree filled with gifts.

These celebrations were attended by the school children who sang Christmas carols. The Empress at Potsdam last evening presented each wounded soldier with a woolen jacket, a note book, fruits, nuts and cakes.

A special celebration was held in Berlin for French refugees. The teachers organization gave a huge Ch teachers organization gave a huge Christmas fete for about 7,000 East Prussian refugees, while the Salvation Army presented 500 poor families with baskets of food. American women yesterday distributed presents to the poor at the kitchen of the American Association of Commerce and Trade. More than 500 women and children were remembered in the distribution. Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the American ambassador and the other women of the embassy staff, and Mr. Julius G. Lay, wife of the American consul general in Berlin, took a prominent part in the affair.

BLEASE GRANTS PARDONS.

Not as Many as Usual, but Governor Follows Custom.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 24.—Governor Blease today granted four pardons and four paroles to State prisoners in continuing his custom of granting clemency on the eve of the chief holidays. Fewer prisoners were released today than on any previous occasion since the Governor was first inaugurated nearly four years ago. All prisoners released today were serving short terms.

Today's action brings the total number of cases in which Governor Blease has exercised clemency up to 1,445. He will retire from office in January when his second term as the state's chief executive expires.

More than 100 convicts were granted clemency last Thanksgiving.

WILSON EXERCISES POWER.

Pardon Granted Man Sent Up Last Year for Five Year Prison Sentence.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson today pardoned Charles McMonies, of Lyons, Neb., serving a sentence in Leavenworth penitentiary so that McMonies will reach home for Christmas where his wife is sick with pneumonia and one of his two children is said to be dying.

McMonies was sentenced last January to five years on a charge of making a false entry in the ledger of a bank where he was employed. According to newspaper reports the offense was technical and the bank lost no money.

Attorney General Gregory recommended that McMonies' sentence be communted to expire January 2nd. Representative Stephens, of Nebraska, made representations to the President, considering the fact that Mrs. McMonies, despite her illness, was supporting her children by giving music lessons, signed a pardon to take effect immediately.

WILL TELL OF BELGIANS.

Ministers Throughout County Will Feature Crying Need of That Nation.

New York, Dec. 24.—In their Christmas sermons tomorrow more than 2,000 ministers of all denominations throughout the United States will dwell at length on the needs of starving Belgians. This concerted action it was stated tonight in an announcement by the commission of relief in Belgium, will come as a result of a request in country-wide form to them by the commission.

Chairman Lindon W. Bates wrote to

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GREAT NATURALIST, JOHN MUIR, IS DEAD

After Brief Illness With Pneumonia, in Los Angeles.

GIVEN MANY DEGREE

Visiting His Daughter on Ranch in California and Taken Sick Last Week—Carried to Los Angeles Where He Died.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—John Muir, the naturalist, died in a hospital here today of pneumonia. He was 76 years old. Mr. Muir was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Helen Muir Funk, at Daggett, in San Bernardino county. He was stricken with penumonia last week, and on Tuesday it was determined to bring him to this city for treatment.

When he arrived here last night, Mr. Muir was in a critical condition and sank rapidly, death coming at 10 o'clock today. His daughter was with him.

John Muir belonged to that tradition of British naturalists whose work was so fused with the writer's personality and so penetrated by individual feeling that their output was as much literature as science.

History of His Life.

Born in Dunbar, Scotland, in 1838,

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ACTION IN FRANK CASE POSTPONED

Supreme Court Justice Says Wait Until After Xmas.

SATURDAY OR MONDAY

Justice Lamar Hears Argument in Appeal from Georgia Courts and Announces He Will Give Decision After Christmas.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Justice Lamar of the Supreme Court today postponed until after Christmas action on an appeal in the case of Leo M. Frank, under death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan, the factory girl of Atlanta, Ga.

During the day Louis Marshall, of New York, made application to the justice for an appeal from the decision of Judge Newman of the Georgia Federal Court, denying Frank's petition for release on a habeas corpus writ.

The attorney argued for an hour that the trial court, which found Frank guilty, had lost jurisdiction over him by permitting a mob atmosphere to prevail in the court room and by allowing a verdict to be returned during the prisoner's absence from court. Justice Lamar notified Mr. Marshall that he would withhold decision on the ap-

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COMMITTEE URGED TO ADOPT MEASURE

The Naval Appropriation Bill Would Create Reserve.

INCREASE EFFICIENCY

Secretary of Navy Addresses Letter to Congressional Committee on Naval Affairs Urging That Bill Be Adopted

Washington, Dec, 24.—Creation of a naval reserve of honorably discharged enlisted men of the navy is proposed in an amendment to the forth-coming naval appropriation bill, which Secretary Daniels today urged the congressional naval committee to adopt.

"If this amendment be enacted into law", said Mr. Daniels in a statement tonight, two most important and necessary means for promoting the efficiency of the navy will be provided First, it will make available a reserve organization of trained men to supplement the regular establishment in time of war. Second, it will increase the efficiency of the regular navy by offering a substantial inducement to men to continue in the service for periods of twelve, sixteen and twenty years.

The principal features of the bill are as follows:

Men who have had twenty years of

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The Morning Star

Wishes Its Readers

One and All

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Happy Christmas

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PROSPEROUS

New Year.

FIGHTING SOLDIERS NEED NEW OUTFIT EACH MONTH

Supplies of Clothing Must be Continually Repeated.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 24.—So great is the wear and tear of warfare that a soldier in the fighting line needs a new outfit every month. Well over a million men have already been clothed, and another million will have to be provided for immediately. The khaki industry, therefore, is flourishing.

Millions and millions of yards of cloth are needed for uniforms and overcoats. Though mills are working overtime, new mills have been opened, and everything has been done to speed up the supply has not keep up with the demand.

French, Belgian and Russian orders have also poured into the English market. Some mills have had four different army cloths on their machines at one time or another.

The price of khaki has risen considerably since the outbreak of the war. The government is buying a good quality, which costs about four shillings, nine pence a yard as against three shillings, eleven pence in July.

Cotton Is Examined With Powerful X-ray

LATEST METHOD OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO SEARCH FOR CONTRABAND IN COTTON CARGOES.

New York, Dec. 24.—Represeptatives of the British government examined with the X-ray today 10,000 bales of cotton consigned to Bremen, to determine whether any of them contained contraband. The cotton was being loaded aboard the steamship City of Savannah, which sails tomorrow.

The X-ray machines, according to the English officials, had been especially designed, and enabled them to inspect the interior of the bulky cotton bales which could easily conceal arms, ammunition or other contraband. They had decided to use this method, they said, after it was found that owing to the varying weight of the bales, the scales could give no certain guarantee that each bale was honest.

STEAMER PUTS INTO NEWPORT NEWS AFIRE.

British Tramp With Cotton from Galveston Anchored Astream.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 24.—With fire in her hold, the British steamer Hampstead, en route from Galveston to Genoa with a cargo of cotton, put into port here tday. The fire was discovered while the vessel was at sea yesterday and was said to be extinguished this afternoon. The hold in which the flames were confined was flooded. The Hampstead is in stream awaiting orders.

The extent of the damage is not known at this time. Capt. Tuplin said he did not know how the fire originated.

UNDERWOOD PREDICTS DEFEAT OF AMENDMENT.

Suffrage Resolution to Come Before House in January Doomed.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Democratic leader Underwood predicted tonight that the proposed constitutional amendment for woman suffrage would be defeated in the House, probably by a two-thirds vote.

"I shall vote against it, and so will most of the Democrats," said Mr. Underwood. "The party, by caucus action, has gone on record holding that woman suffrage, like prohibition, is a state issue."

BOTH EUROPEAN LINES SEE FIERCE FIGHTING

Instead of the Proposed Christmas Truce, Two of the Greatest Battles in the History of the World Are Raging Between the Austrians and Germans, and the Forces of the Great Allied Powers of Europe.

GERMANS IN POLAND SAID TO HAVE REACHED RUSSIAN MAIN LINE AND HAVE BEEN ROUTED

Germans Apparently Turn the Tables in East Prussia and Are Again Advancing Into Russian Territory, While Russian Troops South of the Carpathian Mountains Claim to Have Won Victories Over Austrians.

London, December 24.—Instead of the Christmas truce which Pope Benedict endeavored to arrange, Christmas Eve finds the armies of the belligerent powers engaged in fierce battles on both the eastern and western fronts, and all Europe celebrating the anniversary in a subdued manner.

In the West the Allies' hammer is pounding at the German entrenchments, trying to find a weak point, while in the East the Russians, who have been driven back from the Austrian and German frontiers seemingly have been brought to bay behind rivers which offer them natural defense, and, turning, have counter-attacked the Austro-German forces.

The Germans in their great rush toward Warsaw, drove the Russians over the Bzura and Rawka rivers, and they themselves succeeded in crossing, but according to a Russian official report tonight the Germans there reached the main Russian line and were routed. From this report it is gathered that the Germans directed their main attacks against the Russian front, which lies along the banks of the Bzura and thence southward to the Pilica, but without success.

Along the rest of the front south to the Carpathian mountains, the Russians claim similar victories; but in East Prussia the Germans apparently have turned the scales on their adversaries, and, after having retreated into their own territory, resumed the offensive and again are back in Mlawa.

Even now, it is possible that the Germans have resumed their outflanking tactics, and while keeping the Russian center busy by making frontal attacks, are hoping to get into Warsaw by the back door. All that is certain at present is that the two great armies are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the world's history on a front which extends from East Prussia to the Carpathians and in which the advantage sways first one side and then to the other.

Military experts say that the Russians, by virtue of retaining the right bank of the Vistula as far west as Plock can prevent the Germans from using the river for transit of supplies, and that along the whole of the rest of the front they have rivers and streams to fall behind when hard pressed. This, however, will all be changed, the experts say, when the rivers freeze, and the armies can easily be moved over them.

Mining and sapping, artillery duels, attacks and counter attacks, and, in fact, every means of warfare is being employed in Belgium and France by the Allies, in their effort to force the Germans to give up their present lines of defense. Some advance has been made, but only against stubborn opposition.

England this morning had her first experience of an aerial attack, when a German aeroplane, coming from the Belgian coast, flew over Dover, and dropped bombs in the garden of St. James' rectory, in front of Dover Castle. No damage was done. Two British aeroplanes immediately rose in pursuit, but the German escaped in the mist.

NO MARKED ADVANTAGE.

For Either Army is Report the German Press Bureau Gives Out.

Berlin, Dec. 24. (By Wireless)—Among the items given out today by the official press bureau were the following:

"While there is general confidence that the Germans and their ally are making progress in the East, there is no indication in official reports of any marked advantage.

"Indeed, it is noticeable that Vienna uses the adjective 'favorable' in referring to the battles in the Carpathians and contents itself with saying that the severe battle along the lower Dunajec river and on the Krosno-Tuchow line continues.

"Strikingly frank and interesting is the official Vienna report concerning the Austrian withdrawal from Servia, due to the terrible conditions of the country and the weather and also the fact that the Servians had been reinforced. The Austrians lost considerably in the retreat but the spirit of their army is unsurpassable. The report also brings the first news that Field Marshal Oskar Potierek has been relieved of command of the Austrian army on account of his health.

"The situation in the West has not materially changed despite desperate effort of the Allies.

"The Austrian general staff refutes the allegation contained in a Russian bulletin that the Austrians lost 3,000 prisoners and a number of guns and machine guns. The total Austrian loss in killed, wounded and missing during the fights alluded to was 307. No gun or machine gun was lost.

"The Russky Slovo (a Petrograd newspaper) reports that the Turks and Kurdish troops have occupied nearly the whole of the Persian province of Azerbajan, northeast Persia, and that Julfa is menaced."

GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

General Headquarters Staff Issues Statement as to Conditions at Front.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—(By wireless to London)—The official communication issued today by the German general headquarters staff says:

"The enemy did not renew his attacks in the neighborhood of Nieuport yesterday. At Bixschoote we took 230 prisoners on December 22.

"The enemy was again active yesterday in the neighborhood of Chalons. Infantry attacks followed a fierce artillery attack made by the enemy in the regions of Souain and Perthes. These were repulsed.

"A trench kept under continuous artillery fire by the enemy was lost to us, but was recaptured in the evening. The position was abandoned after this successful counter attack because parts of the trenches had been almost leveled by the enemy's fire. More than 100 prisoners were left in our hands.

"In the East we have assumed the offensive and are advancing from Neiderburg and Soldau (in East Prussia). We have repulsed the Russians after several days fighting at Mlawa (Northern Poland) and the enemy's positions at Mlawa again are in our hands. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in these battles.

"At the confluence of the Bzura and Rawka rivers, fierce bayonet attacks took place at many places. The artillery could do little on account of the misty weather.

"The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pilica river in

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WEATHER BUREAU GETS RIGHT WITH ST. NICK

Much of the Country Covered With Snow Today.

Santa and His Reindeers Had Smooth Going Over Large Area of Country Last Night— Col. Osborn "Weighted"

(Special Star Telegram)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.— The United States Weather Bureau made itself solid with Santa Claus today. Yesterday the indications pointed to unseasonable warmth throughout the country. Today the meteorological experts determined upon a white Christmas and to-night it is reported that "Santy" and his reindeers will have smooth going over snowy fields everywhere from the Atlantic seaboard to the Mississippi river.

Washington was blanketed with a coat of down before noon and while the flakes ceased to fall just before dusk, the appearance of many sleighs indicated to Saint Nick that he would have no difficulty in using his traditional conveyance in his tour of the Capital. Snow is reported falling in nearly all of the states east of the Mississippi and North of Tennessee and Kentucky. In the Gulf and Southern States, Jupiter Pluvious had his inning.

Today's general snow-fall in the Great Lake, Upper Ohio, Upper Mississippi and Middle Atlantic States will continue all day and night, the forecast stated. To-morrow morning, the snow will stop for a clear cold Christmas under a sheet of snow.

Little Anne Cothran, the President's grand-niece, who will receive a visit from Santa Claus at the White House, will look out tomorrow morning on terraces covered with snow, while the fortunate passerby will take in at a glance as pretty and peaceful a scene as may be found in any land.

Col. W. H. Osborn, conceded by all the most efficient Commissioner of Internal Revenue the United States Government has ever had, will spend his Christmas with Mrs. Osborn in Washington. The Colonel has collected more money for the Government and has smoothed out more rough places for the Democratic administration than any other man connected with the Government.

Secretary of State William J. Bryan sent the Commissioner greetings today and a souvenir. The souvenir was a paper weight in the form of a Plowshare made from the scabbard of a sword.

"The number of these paper weights", said Mr. Bryan's letter "is of course limited, but I reel that your kindness to me has justified me in including you among the recipients of these souvenirs." P. R. A.

PROHIBITION IN RUSSIA SEEMS TO BE PROHIBITING

According to Manchester Englishman in Letter from Moscow

Manchester, Dec. 24—Writing of the popularity of the teetotal movement in Russia, an Englishman in Moscow says in a letter to a Manchester firm which he represents there:

"At the present moment, it is impossible for anybody in Russia, whether rich or poor, to obtain in any place whatever anything in the form of alcohol, unless at a druggist's with a doctor's prescription. All the government vodka shops have been closed since the beginning of the war, and now all manner of wine shops are closed. Even restaurants and hotels are forbidden to sell alcoholic drinks. The strange thing about it all is that nobody is grumbling and everybody is pleased, it is claimed on all sides—only the Russian peasant does not know what to do with his money.

"The change that teetotalism has produced in the Russian village, often so remote from the outside world, is wonderful. Children, for instance, are being clothed in a way never dreamt of before, warmly and generously.

"Government vodka shops, at least, are closed forever in Russia. That much has been decided on now, owing to the pressure of public opinion. Their business is dissolved. As a substitute, it is proposed to establish a government monopoly of sugar, in order that the poor may have a cheap supply. Heretofore, it has been out of their reach."

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS ON FEDERAL WIRELESS.

If Authority Sought by Secretary Daniels is Granted by Congress.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Authority for opening all naval radio stations to commercial business was sought by Secretary Daniels today in a letter to the House naval committee. He submitted a proposal to that effect for inclusion in the forthcoming appropriation bill. An accompanying memorandum set forth that handling of private messages by the government would increase the efficiency of the stations and tend to prevent erection of purely commercial stations in the same locality.

Twenty-four naval radio stations now are open to commercial business under the law of 1912 and the Secretary said there were 18 others, exclusive of lightships and special stations, available for this purpose.

THE SOUTH'S WEATHER TO BE WET AND SLUSHY

Washington, Dec. 24—An unexpected disturbance will bring a rainy Christmas Day in the South, Weather Bureau authorities said tonight. Rains were predicted in the South Atlantic and Gulf States and snow in Tennessee and Arkansas.

A storm that began last night spread a snow carpet today from Northern Virginia to New England, through the Ohio Valley, the Lake region and South to Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Unsettled conditions are forecast fo rthe North and East tomorrow.

ATTENTION

Trustee's Sale of the G. H. Haar stock of fancy articles, dry goods, notions, etc. now on at 111 Chesnut street. All suitable for Christmas presents. Prices guaranteed below cost. —Advertisement. tf.

N. C. MANUFACTURERS MUST IMPORT COTTON

State Produces 100,000 Less Than Their Need.

State Superintendent Joyner Files Biennial Report for the Legislature, With Recommendations for Educational Progress.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—Commissioner of Agriculture Graham directs special attention to the official showing that last year's crop of cotton in North Carolina was 790,000 bales and that the cotton mills of the State consumed that year 889,915 bales, nearly 100,000 bales more than was grown in the State.

The commissioner has just filed with Governor Craig his biennial report for the State Board of Agriculture, being practically the same as was officially passed upon and published in connection with the recent annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture. The commissioner declares in his introduction to the report that there has never been such advancement among adult farmers anywhere as has been attained in North Carolina the past several years through the special efforts of the Department of Agriculture in this direction. The State has risen, he points out, from the 22nd to the 13th in the Union in the value of its agricultural products and in cotton acreage yield has taken first place among the cotton States, producing 315 pounds per acre in 1911.

Dr. Joyner's Recommendations.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, filed with Governor Craig today his biennial report and recommendation to be transmitted to the Legislature to convene early in the new year. He urges an effective law to assure uniform examination, gradation and certificates for teachers through enlargement of the powers and work of the State Board of Examiners created by a former Legislature.

He urges that every county in the State be required to employ a competent county superintendent of schools for his whole time and that in the larger counties, as the work requires it, there be authority for giving this county superintendent the assistance in clerical and professional aid that may be necessary for the best interest of the schools. He insists that there be maintained as fast as possible a non-partisan status of the county boards of education through the selection of representatives of both the leading parties to serve on the board.

There is recommendation that there be enlargement and improvement of the laws as to child labor and working women in factories with provision for adequate inspection of plants where such labor is permitted at suitable ages and conditions. Dr. Joyner urges that adequate provision be amde for the colored State Normal schools and urges that the Legislature prepare and enact an omnibus educational bill that shall have the approval of the legislative committee on education.

KINSTON BUSINESS MEN EXPECT GOOD TIMES IN 1915

They Figure That Business is Going to Be Better Soon

(Special Star Correspondence)

Kinston, N. C., Dec, 23.—The business men of this part of North Carolina are watching the cotton market with intense interest. The inclination of New York futures to rise during the past two days is taken as a good sign that business will be better than was expected in the early part of 1915. There is a spirit of optimism abroad in this vicinity just now, although there have been some who, even after deliberation, have vouchsafed that it would be "corking dull" in January.

One of the best posted men in Kinston was the authority today for a statement from one of the biggest firms here, of which he is a member, that business so far as necessary one concerned at least, will be better after Christmas than now, in their belief. These dealers believe that the tobacco money has been used by most of the planters of the counties around Kinston in meeting the heavy obligations falling due in the fall and early winter. There has not been a great deal of cotton sold—and the crop locally is big—and when the planters get to turning this loose they will expend the proceeds on the things they need for the coming year. There has been little extravagance during the past few months, and even the present Christmas buying, the business man quoted says, is being economically done.

"The conditions growing out of the war are teaching our people a lesson more valuable to them than the monetary loss on the cotton crop", he agreed. It is an opinion shared by most of the larger interests here that cotton prices will improve and general business conditions be exceptionally good in the coming three months, whereas in the tobacco country they are never up to the normal in the first quarter when cotton prices are high before the end of the year.

CELEBRATIONS IN CONNETICUT

Many Cities and Towns in the State Have Municipal Trees for Children

New Haven, Conn., Dec, 24.—Many cities and towns in Connecticut held municipal Christmas celebrations tonight. At the state prison in Wethersfield tomorrow the prisoners will be treated to a moving picture exhibition for the first time in the history of the institution.

TOURISTS AID CITY PEOPLE.

At West Palm Beach, Fla., to Give Poor Children a Good Christmas.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 24.—Hundreds of tourists joined residents here tonight in the second annual municipal Christmas celebration, which was featured by the singing of carols around a large Christmas tree.

VANDERBILT AND TENNESSEE TO HAVE GAME NEXT YEAR.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec 24.—A football game between Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee, to be played here October 30th, 1915, was announced today. The 1916 game will be played in Knoxville.

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NEWBERN YOUNG MAN STABBED AND KILLED

Jesse Creel Charged With Murder af Gannon Fulford

Man 60 Years of Age Arrested and Placed in Jail Following the Killing of Young White Man Last Night

(Special Star Telegram)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 24.—Gannon Fulford, a well known young white man of this city, was stabbed and killed tonight and Jesse Creel, 60 years of age and white, was arrested and placed in jail, charged with the killing.

The homicide took place on South Front street, and a woman is said to have been the cause.

This is the second Christmas tragedy to take place in this county today, the other having been reported as a fatal accident in which Paul Jacobs a lad of 12 years, was shot and killed at Vanceboro by Chancey Bright, the 15 year-old-son of J. L. Bright of that place, while out hunting.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS DISPLAYED IN AMERICA

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ministers in every state and his request met with hearty response.

"It was stated at the office of the commission today that the entire cargo of the steamer Ferrona sailing from Philadelphia for Rotterdam, should be credited to the Rockefeller foundation as it was donated entirely by it. The commission merely furnished the ship.

IN THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Numerous Christmas Tree Displays and Old Customs Revived

Chicago, Dec, 24.—Many public Christmas tree displays were held throughout the larger cities of the Mississippi Valley tonight. In some cities the European custom of burning candles in windows was revived. In others charisters sang Carols in front of houses displaying a signal light that charity had been given by the occupants.

In addition to extensive aid to the poor in the various cities many gifts of food and cfothing were sent to nations affected by war, and to families of strikers in Colorado.

BENEDICT HOLDS AUDIENCE

Members of the Sacred College Received for Exchange of Greetings

Rome Italy, Dec, 24—Pope Benedict today received the members of the Sacred college in solemn audience for exchange of Christmas greetings, the ceremony taking on the pomp of the times of Pope Leo.

The pontiff expressed his regret at the absence of some of the prelates, owing to illnes, referring especially to Cardinals Agliardi and Martinelli. He added that his advices regarding Cardinal Tgliardi made it apparent that his recovery will be speedy.

The Pope then enumerated the effects he had made to render the war less terrible, and said he would continue to devote all his energies to suppression or limitation of the inhuman sacrifice of life.

OLD CUSTOMS REVIVED.

Trumpeters Announce Hymns from Tower—Candles Burn in Windows.

Boston, Dec. 24.—With snow flakes flowing about them, groups of men and women tonight sang Christmas carols in the streets of Beacon Hill and other districts, while householders kept lighted candles at the windows. Another old custom revived was the sounding of hymns by four trumpeters from the balcony of the old State House. It was estimated that nearly 50,000 persons would be cared for by charity.

PITTSBURG CELEBRATES.

Giant Municipal Christmas Tree the Center of Interest.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—Pittsburg celebrated tonight a municipal Christmas eve. A giant Christmas tree, erected in the heart of the city, was the center of the festivities.

RAIN AT CHATTANOOGA.

Heavy Weather Mars First Municipal Christmas Celebration.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 24.—A cold rain tonight interfered with the festivities in connection with Chattanooga's first municipal Christmas tree.

IRISH ARE APPRECIATIVE.

Of the Presents Sent Their Children by American Children.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, today received the following cablegram from Lord Aberdeen, viceroy of Ireland:

"Please convey loving thanks from Irish soldiers' children for Santa Claus gifts from the children of the United States."

MEMPHIS UNDAUNTED BY RAIN

Several Thousand People Gather to Celebrate Approach of Christmas

Memphis, Tenn., Dec, 24.—Several thousand persons braved a cold rain tonight to participate in Memphis second municipal Christmas eve celebration in Court Square. Gifts were distributed to the poor children of the city from a community Christmas tree provided by the Jovian League.

Approximately $2,000 was subscribed today to a fund for the unemployed, being raised by a committee appointed by Mayor Crump.

TOYS GIVEN AWAY BY THOUSANDS

New Orleans Paper Given Out Over Fourteen Thousand to Poor Children

New Orleans, Dec, 24 —More than 14,000 white children today here shared in the 19th annual distribution of toys by a local paper. Tomorrow, 6,000 negro children will be given presents by a committee working in conjunction with those who handled today's distribution.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Two Trees Bearing Thousands of Presents Lighted in Insane Hospital.

Beacon, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A unique Christmas celebration was held tonight in the Matteawan state hospital for the criminal insane where 350 inmates gathered about two Christmas trees and received more than 1,000 gifts sent by relatives and friends. Motion pictures and music by an orchestra of inmates were part of the programme.

Women patients will have a tree tomorrow. There will be dancing, motion pictures and music.

"WHITE CHRISTMAS" IN REALITY.

First in Years for New York City.— Much Charity Work Done.

New York, Dec. 24.—For the first time in many years New York will have a "white Christmas."

Christmas in the city, however, will be chiefly notable for the widespread wave of charitable giving that has rolled over the metropolis. Probably never before have such wholesale preparations been made for feeding the needy, making happy the children of the poor and spreading generally the holiday spirit of cheer.

Festivities began tonight with music and other entertainments at public Christmas trees in Madison Square and City Hall Park.

CHARITY IN SOUTHWEST.

Much Food and Clothing Given Away. Snow in Oklahoma and Texas.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 24.—Throughout the Southwest Christmas charity, in the form of food and other necessities was distributed generally tonight. A blanket of snow covers the southern half of Oklahoma and also the Texas Panhandle.

DINNERS AT PHILADELPHIA.

Two Charitable Organizations Give Away Thousands of Dinners.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The Volunteers of America gave 6,000 basket dinners to Philadelphia's poor today. The Salvation Army will distribute an equal number tomorrow.

Community Christmas trees have been erected in many sections of the city.

MUNICIPAL TREE AT RALEIGH.

Celebration at Capital City Attended by Great Crowds—Cheer.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—Raleigh's first municipal Christmas tree was given tonight in the capitol square under the auspices of the local playgrounds commission.

The numerous charity and other local organizations have been busy during the week getting a list of needy persons to whom Christmas donations have been given, and it is estimated that several hundred people have been remembered in this way.

CELEBRATION AT MOBILE.

Seventy-Five Hundred Poor Children Are Entertained by City.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 24.—Twenty-five hundred poor children in Mobile county were guests of the people of Mobile today at a Christmas tree celebration given in a local theatre. The Salvation Army also distributed Christmas dinners for 2,500. Inmates of all charitable institutions in Mobile will be fed by the merchants of Mobile tomorrow.

"RED" ROWE IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Over Prospects of Securing Efficient Aggregation for Greensboro

(Special Star Correspondence)

Greensboro, Dec, 23—William H. Rowe, who will manage the Greensboro baseball team next season, has gone to Baltimore to visit realtives after spending a few days here conferring with the directors of the club. "Red" is very enthusiastic over the prospects of getting together a splendid working organization. He is making strenuous efforts to get a good pitching organization, the place where the team was weak last season. He has signed two southpaws and two right-handers.

Others will be given try-outs. Schwartze will be back and "Great" Scott will be given another try-out. A big left-handed first baseman will contest for the inital sack with Chief McCall. Welch, the High Point lad, who was with Asheville a little while last year, will be given an opportunity to show what he can do. Peter J. Boyle will also be here again, and he and Welch may do the work at the midway station. Doc Watson, for whom Perritt was traded, is expected to take care of the last stop before home. Manager Rowe is a catcher and another good man will be obtained for the receiving line.

Rochester, Minn. Dec, 24.—Thomas Coleman Dupont powder manufacturer of Wilmington, Del., underwent an operation for abdominal trouble here today. He was resting comfortably tonight. First reports to-day were that Senator Henry A. Dupont, a cousin of the patient, had submited to the operation.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Arizona prohibition law will go into effect January 1st. The special United States tribunal refused today to issue injunctions which were sought to prevent enforcement of the act. Appeal to the United States Supreme Court will be taken.

BELGIUM THANKS AMERICA

(The following lines have been sent The Star with the compliments of Mme. Vanderveldt.)

Today it's Christmas morning; we hear
no Christmas bell,
But still we tell the story which once
we loved to tell—
"Good will," "Good will", we read it;
and "Peace"—we hear the name,
And crouch among the ruins, and watch
the cruel flame,
And hear the children crying, and turn
our eyes away
For them there's neither bread nor
home this happy Christmas day.

But look! there comes a message from
far across the deep,
From hearts that still can pity, and
eyes that still can weep—
Oh little lips a-hunger, oh faces pale
and wan
There's somewhere peace on earth,
somewhere good will to man,
Across the waste of waters, a thousand
leagues away
There's someone still remembers that
here it's Christmas day.

Oh God of Peace remember, and in Thy
mercy keep
The hearts that still can pity, the eyes
that still can weep;
Amid the shame and torment, the ruins
and the graves
To their's, the land of freedom, from
ours, the land of slaves
What answer can we send them?—we
can but kneel and pray—
God grant, God grant, to them at least
a happy Christmas day.

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For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Office, Orton Hotel, Wilmington, N. C. 'Phone 178.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA—IN EQUITY.

R. E. Sumner, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

ALEX L. BLOW, Clerk,
S. P. COLLIER, Deputy Clerk.

LAD OF 12 SHOT AND KILLED BY BOY OF 15

Tragedy Occurs WhileVanceboro Boys Are Hunting

Jaul Jacobs Killed by Chancey Bright. Newbern Celebrates With Municipal Christmas Tree—Throngs in Streets.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 24.—Paul Jacobs, 12 years of age, was shot and killed at Vanceboro today by Chancey Bright, the 15-year-old son of J. L. Bright, of that place. The two boys were out hunting and it is claimed that the killing was accidental.

Both boys are of prominent families.

Municipal Christmas Tree.

Regardless of the fact that the weather is inclement, Newbern is celebrating Christmas eve in a most appropriate manner. The streets are thronged with hundreds of pleasure seekers and the Christmas spirit prevails.

The principal event of the evening was the ceremonies around the municipal Christmas tree, conducted by the City Beautiful Club

WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS OF NEW-FORMED DISTRICT.

Of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Other News Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, N. C., Dec. 24.—Washington is to have another enterprise, which is gratifying to the entire city, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, which has been doing business in Washington for a number of years, has created a new district in Eastern North Carolina, and this city is to be made the main office of the new district. The points to be worked from here will be the towns of Greenville, Newbern, Kinston, Belhaven, Elizabeth City, Edenton and Plymouth. The superintendent will be Mr. L. D. Burton, of Newport News, Va. The two agents here will be Messrs. A. C. Cade and F. F. Mayo. Washington for years was under the supervision of the Goldsboro office, and last year the head office was moved from Goldsboro to Raleigh.

Beaufort county has never failed when called upon in times of stress, and Washington people have responded nobly to the Dollar Christmas Fund for the Homeless Belgians, and today Mr. John Bragaw forwarded to Mr. Henry Clews, of New York City, a check for $309.84.

Mr. N. L. Williams, while going to his home on West Third street last night, was intercepted by two colored men masked, Mr. Williams was asked for his money, and he not doing as he was asked, they proceeded to use a stick on him, Mr. Williams had considerable money on his person at the time and it is thought that the negroes were aware of the fact. They didn't succeed in getting it, however, as they became frightened and concluded to seek other quarters.

GOV.-ELECT MANNING IS A VERY BUSY MAN

South Carolina's Next Chief Executive Out of State During Christmas.

Sumter, Dec. 23.—Gov.-elect Richard I. Manning was called away this morning and will be compelled to be out of the State the rest of the week. Of late Mr. Manning has been a very busy man; he has been giving much time to various State matters and studying details of various plans in which he is interested, and, moreover, he has had submitted to him numerous bills and courses of proposed legislation by those interested in different matters. Business, too, has claimed a great deal of Mr. Manning's time, and he has been very busy shaping affairs so that he could withdraw from the management or directorship of the numerous enterprises in which he has been interested. His resignation as president of the Bank of Sumter goes into effect January 1, but in the meanwhile the bank is changing from a State to a national institution, and this calls for an amount of detail and red tape and takes up a lot of time. All in all, Mr. Manning has been a very busy man ever since the campaign began last June.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 24.—Federal Circuit Judge Walter I. Smith today granted the International Harvester Company permission to perfect an abstract of evidence, filed at St. Paul December 12th, so that an appeal from the dissolution decision of the Federal District Court given at St. Paul on August 12th might be made to the United States Supreme Court.

NEW SOUTHERN ENTERPRISES

Industrial and Other Developmental Undertakings Reported in Manufacturers' Record.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—Among the many Southern industrial and other developmental enterprises reported in this week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record are the following:

Hillside Cotton Mills, LaGrange, Ga., organized with capital stock of $500,000 and will erect and equip plant for production of cotton specialties for export, will install steam plant, rope drive, spindles, looms, etc.

Board of Port Commissioners, New Orleans, let contract at $1,823,444 to erect buildings for cotton compress, together with sorting sheds, power house, garage, office and warehouses; combined ground area of all structures, 725,000 square feet.

Alpha Pocahontas Coal Co., Lynchburg, Va., was incorporated with capital stock of $125,000 to develop coal properties in Pocahontas field.

Robert G. Pew and J. Howard Pew, Philadelphia, Pa., will build oil refinery at Yale, Okla., to cost about $100,000; daily capacity 15,000 barrels.

Temple Ice & Refrigerating Co., Temple, Tex., was incorporated with capital stock of $120,000 to establish ice plant, etc.

Southern Pacific Terminal Co., Galveston, Tex., will build concrete fireproof grain elevator of about 1,000,000 bushels capacity.

Gardner Mining Co., Greensboro, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of $100,000.

Jefferson Mosaic Flooring & Roofing Tile Co., Birmingham, Ala., will organize with capital stock of $50,000 and build plant for manufacturing ornamental floor and roofing tile, etc.

Sabine Smokeless Coal Co., Maben, W. Va., organized to develop 700 acres of coal lands; will install electrical equipment and contemplates daily output of 1,000 tons.

Darling Mining Co., incorporated with $100,000 capital stock and organized with T. A. Kindred, president, Galveston, Tex., to develop gold deposits in Arkansas; company incorporated with capital stock of $10,000 to develop lead deposits about 8 miles from Burnet, Texas.

Bradley Lead & Zinc Co., S. M. Bradley, president, Morehead, Ky., will build 200-ton concentrating plant at Chitwood, Mo.; will install two 110 H. P. gas engines and 125 H. P. steam boiler.

Soldier Clay Asphalt Co., Soldier, Ky., was incorporated with capital stock of $55,000 to establish asphalt refining plant.

Zeigler Stove Co., Wichita Falls, Tex., organized with $36,000 capital stock to build plant to manufacture gas-heating stoves.

Miami Amalgamated Mining Co., Miami, Okla., was incorporated with capital stock of $50,000.

H. F. Sinclair and P. J. White, Tulsa, Okla., are reported to build oil refinery at Baton Rouge, La., with daily capacity of 30,000 barrels.

W. L. Fordyce, formerly of Webster Woolen Mills Co., Webster, W. Va., is reported as organizing company to build woolen mill to cost $25,000.

Elinor Mining Co., Kansas City, Mo., was incorporated with capital stock of $25,000 to develop lead and zinc deposits.

Reliance Textile & Dye Works, Covington, Ky., will expend $20,000 to $25,000 to enlarge dyeing and finishing plant.

KNOWN FOR SOME TIME.

Agents of the French Line in New York Knew Plans a Week Ago.

New York, Dec. 24—Existence of an alleged conspiracy in New Orleans to blow up a French or English passenger ship on the sea by placing an infernal machine in her cargo before she should sail from New York was known 12 days ago to Paul Faguet, general agent of the French line, according to an announcement here today.

Detectives were employed to prevent fruition of the scheme, every bit of baggage and cargo going into the French Line ships was closely examined and proper authorities, Mr. Faguet said, were notified. It was believed here that this notification resulted in the arrest of four men in New Orleans.

"We have taken and shall continue to take every precaution against outrages of this sort," Mr. Faguet said.

The Cunard Line and the International Mercantile Marine lines which control most of the British trans-Atlantic lines, also have taken extra precautions to prevent any bombs being placed on their ships.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 23.—More than 300 cadets of the three upper classes of the Military Academy, have been granted Christmas leaves ranging from four to eight days from today. The entire "plebe" class must remain here over the holidays.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 24.—Luther Livingstone, a widely known bibliographer, died here today.

WIRELESS ON BRITISH STEAMER DISMANTLED

Report to Navy Department Does Not Clear Up Muddle

Matter Thought to Have Been Cleared Up Some Time Ago is Found to be Altogether Another Thing. Report by Cable.

Washington, Dec. 24—That the wireless apparatus of the British steamer Protesilaus, in Balboa harbor, was dismantled by Panama Canal Zone police December 10th, after it was found the vessel had been sending code messages, was reported to the Navy Department today by cable by Lieut. Crenshaw, naval radio officer at the canal zone.

A British statement recently to the Navy Department said Governor Goethals had said in a written communication that he had been misinformed when he charged that a British collier was using its radio outfit contrary to neutrality. Officials here now assume that the Governor had reference to another British ship which also figured in the official dispatches as having violated the canal rules by leaving Balboa without clearance papers, and that the vessel had been confounded with the Protesilaus. The unnamed collier had no wireless apparatus.

The cruiser Tacoma is at Cristobal ton enforce neutrality and the Navy Department is considering the possibility of dispatching another vessel to the Canal Zone.

CUMBERLAND'S FIRST YEAR WITH TOBACCO A SUCCESS.

Pennsylvania Convict Surrenders—Several Deaths Are Reported.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 22.—Fayetteville's first season as a tobacco market has closed. The sales during the season aggregated about half a million pounds of bright leaf tobacco. The prices averaged $17 a hundred pounds. All the tobacco brought here this year was taken by the Planters' Warehouse, which will re-open again for the next season, according to assurances from A. S. Spencer, of the firm of Spencer & Webster, the proprietors. Mr. Spencer, who managed the warehouse here, left Monday for Dilwynn, Va., to buy tobacco on that market.

The experience of the farmers this year with tobacco is expected to play an important part in helping them to break away from cotton. With a crop which can bring prices as good as those which the tobacco market has paid here this year—under the most unfavorable conditions—to fall back on as a money crop, the more far-sighted of the farmers are seeing a future state of things which presents a bright contrast to the present cotton situation, and many of the most substantial of them have announced their intention to decrease their acreage of cotton and plant part of the residue in tobacco. A number of them did this last spring. And it has helped. County Farm Demonstrator J. D. Fletcher estimates that there will be ten times as much tobacco planted next year as there was the past season.

James McKinley, an intelligent looking young man, is being taken back by Deputy Marshall James W. Tomlinson, of this city, to the Pennsylvania penitentiary at Philadelphia, whence he escaped some weeks ago. McKinley walked into the central police station here and told the desk sergeant that he was an escaped convict, that he was tired of tramping through the South in a vain search for work, and wanted to give himself up. He said that he had been originally sentenced by a Federal court, so Mayor McNeill got in communication with the United States marshal in Philadelphia, who wired Marshal Dortch at Raleigh to have the man returned.

News of the death of Constant Johnson, editor of "The Opera Glass," published in Galveston, Texas, and a native of Fayetteville, was received here yesterday by his cousin, Mrs. A. J. Pate. Mr. Johnson was an accountant here for several years before he emigrated to the West and had many friends in this section who will learn of his death with regret. He was the son of the late Robert Johnson, of Fayetteville.

Two months after his wife's death, Joseph Atkins, of this city, died Monday morning. He was a Confederate veteran and one of the oldest citizens of Fayetteville, being nearly 80 years of age. In his prime he was a man of great physical strength. He served throughout the War Between the States under Col. J. B. Starr as a member of Starr's Battery. During the latter part of his life he conducted a general store in the section of Fayetteville known as Campbelton. He leaves four sons, W. J., J. H., Robert and Joseph Atkins, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Clyde Wellons.

His many friends and relatives in Fayetteville were grieved to learn of the death of David Anderson, in Washington, Saturday. Mr. Anderson was in his 78th year. He was born and reared in Fayetteville, being the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Anderson. He married Miss Sallie Wiley, a belle of ante-bellum days. She and several children survive him, Mrs. Anderson being in very infirm health. During the Civil War he operated an important iro nfoundry here.

Dan Skipper is dead. Dan, who was an eccentric character, more than partially demented, was probably known to every man, woman and child living in the towns along the Atlantic Coast Line from Fayetteville to Benson. He spent a great part of his time traveling up and down the road, generally riding for nothing. He died at Wade Sunday.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE WITHOUT GIFT FEATURE.

Giving to Those Needy on Account of Conditions is Emphasized.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 21.—Workmen are busy placing in position the immense holly tree to be decorated and lighted Christmas night. This tree will stand on the southeast corner of the court house square facing Nash street and directly opposite the Branch Bank building. This is to be the first municipal Christmas tree in the history of the town.

Miss Daphne Carraway is training a chorus of several hundred school children, who will sing Christmas carols Thursday night at the initial exercises. The programme calls for the appearance of the Wise Men in costume and the flashing forth of the electric-lighted star gracing the top of the tree.

No gifts will be distributed but the occasion will directly accentuate the Christmas spirit.

This season the gift giving idea with special reference to those who are out of employment and the poor will be emphasized in Wilson. The Baptist Sunday school will send truck loads of Christmas baskets to families in the town and this instead of the usual Christmas tree and gift giving at the church.

The present financial stringency having caused the partial shut down of a number of industrial enterprises here, a large number of men are either out of work or working part time. This condition demands larger assistance in the winter weather from the churches and the Associated Charities.

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Beginning at a stake at low water mark on Middle Sound, a little north of the mouth of the first Branch South of Page's creek, the corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by Charles Waters, and running thence with said Waters' line north forty (40) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) poles and two (2) links to the line (corner) of a tract of land formerly owned by W. F. Alexander, being the corner of the lands formerly owned by said Waters and B. B. Humphrey, and the said lands herein conveyed; thence with said Humphrey's line North thirty-five (35) degrees east, ninety-two (92) poles, to a stake at the mouth of Red Mill Branch; thence from this stake along Page's Creek at low water mark to Middle Sound, and thence along low water mark of said Sound to a point of beginning, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less.

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HOW DUBLIN IRISHMEN DEFY KING OF ENGLAND.

So far the British authorities have taken no official cognizance of the threat implied in the sentiment so boldly expressed. They are so busy trying to get recruits in England for the war that they have not undertaken to stir up more trouble in Ireland. Larkin is now in the United States. He has led several meetings of Irish and Germans to show sympathy for the Germans in the war in Europe, it is reported.

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Brass Cuspidors, 75c to $1.50.
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Brass Jardinieres, $1.50 to $3.50.
Brass Ramekins.
Brass Smokers' Sets.
Brass Umbrella Stands, $2.00.
Boker Pocket Knives, with or without individual cases.
"Boy Scout" Axes.
Brass Bird Cages, $1.00 to $1.50.
Blank Cartridges.
Brass Fire Dogs.
Cake Chests and Cake Boxes, extra fine quality, $2.00 and $3.00.
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1914.

Merry Christmas!

Our hope is centered on 1915. Oh you 1915!

Why do the heathen rage more than ever on Christmas?

Everybody's jumping on the cotton pool instead of jumping into it.

Thank goodness, we have another year ahead of us to get even with 1914.

If they are going to probe into the Rockefeller Foundation they are sure to strike oil.

Mr. and Mrs. Dye, of Cincinnati, have fallen out over a name for their girl baby. They should compromise by calling her Aniline Dye.

The real optimist even thinks the terrific European war will serve a good purpose. It will, if it results in making men hate war.

The mere mention of Senator Penrose's name in connection with the Presidential nomination, shows that the Republican party is far from being safe.

The best thing to keep in mind today is the safety of yourself and others. Pity this country could not celebrate Christmas without the loss of so many lives.

There will soon be a New Year and no doubt it will be a happy one for the paragrapher of the Columbia State who is always violating North Carolina neutrality by firing across the lines.

The Philadelphia Record warns the senators that the people generally are with President Wilson. Nine times out of ten the people know that when a senator begins to oppose the President there is something wrong with the senator.

Nobody need sneer at any nation, under the impression that their men won't fight. There are men of all countries who can be depended upon to face death on the battlefield. The sad part of it is that they are a country's very best men. Courage is a high virtue in any man.

"The scouts have just hurried in with information", said one general to another, "that the enemy is moving down on us in large force". "Well" remarked the other, "We can move away rapidly in the performance of a piece of strategy that will overwhelm the enemy with disappointment."

With a German military aeroplane, aviator Guido Linnekogel has broken the world's altitude record by flying at a height of 21,000 feet—above four miles. The previous height record of 20,000 feet was made by a French airman, Legagneux, who was recently killed.

Somebody's child will suffer death today from thoughtless handling of fireworks. Will it be yours? Somebody's boy, bright and happy this morning, will be dead tonight, the work of a gun thought not to be loaded. Will it be yours? Better to be careful and happy than thoughtless and bereaved.

Some of the American interests who abused President Wilson for holding hands off and letting the Mexicans fight it out, are urging that the best thing for Europe is for the belligerents over there to fight it out among themselves as the surest means of securing lasting peace. As a matter of fact that is what they will do, whether we object or not.

According to last accounts from Mexico, Provisional President Carranza had assumed dictatorial power. They all seem to do the same thing when the opportunity comes. The people are being misled by ambitious men who are playing the game for themselves instead of for Mexico. It always struck us that Carranza really was in earnest about constitutional government, but if reports are true he is a second Huerta with less of the aggressiveness and boldness of the old Indian.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Christmas Day once more.

Hallowed and holy it comes round to us on the cycle of centuries of observance, fraught with a deeper and tenderer significance each year.

Symbolic of the great religious epoch dating back to the birth of the Christ, the day has come to have for us an additional meaning also, as expressed in the spirit of giving that others may be made happy.

Memories sweet and sacred—and sad—cluster around Christmas—memories of the old home as it was—of the loved ones reunited once more around the home hearth—and possibly of the first reunion that found in the circle a vacant chair, and in the hearts of the others an aching, welling sadness that took comfort only in the renewal of the bonds of affection and the recollection of memories that pulse as softly as the beat of an angel's wing.

Christmas—the sweetest and most sacred season of all the year'

May it bring to each of you today the fullest measure of joy, and if with it there should be any sorrow, may it be tempered by the kindly light of time and linger only as a promise of the reunion that is to be somewhere—some day.

Yea, with each passing year may Christmas bring to you, along with its joys and sorrows, the comfort of the knowledge that you have lived true—true to yourself, true to your God and true to your fellow man.

THROUGH TOURIST TRAINS.

People who are suffering from the cold winter up North will welcome the news that the Atlantic Coast Line's through tourist trains to the South (that is to Jacksonville), will be operated on and after January 4th. The starting points will be New York, Chicago and St. Louis, but, of course, all intermediate stopping points will be equally interested. There will not be many of them, however, for the tourist trains will rush through on the fastest time that ever marked a schedule for passenger traffic.

The "Florida Special" will leave New York on its first trip, this winter, at 2:12 P. M., and will arrive in Jacksonville next day at 3:10 P. M. That means little more than twenty-five hours between the American metropolis and the Southern metropolis. Of course, we are bound to acknowledge that is what Jacksonville is during the winter season. The "Florida Special" will continue on to St. Augustine, Daytona, Palm Beach and Miami. This train will be operated daily, and this will be the 28th season since the Coast Line inaugurated the service.

The popularity of that famous train, the Jacksonville Times-Union says, has grown with each succeeding season. It is a train of magnificent appointments, equipped with the very latest Pullman, drawing room, state room, club, observation and dining cars. As fine as have been former equipments, many improvements have been made in the service over last season. Neither money nor pains have been spared in equipping this most elegant of tourist trains. All meals en route will be served a la carte.

The "Dixie Limited" is the name of a similar tourist train to be run from Chicago and St. Louis to Jacksonville and other Florida points. It will be a daily train of solid vestibule cars, electrically lighted, steam heated, and affording service similar to that on the New York train. The equipment of the new Dixie Limited is among the finest ever built by the Pullman Company. It will be a train of high class cars, and all the refined comforts of travel will be afforded to tourists from the cold Northwest. The Dixie Limited will make the run between Chicago and Jacksonville in less than 33 hours, and from St. Louis to Jacksonville in about 18 hours.

There will be other trains between Northern and Western and Southern points, all handsomely equipped, but the "Florida Special" and the "Dixie Limited" will have to take rank as the latest scream in railway traveling.

This reminds us what a nice thing it would be to have winter tourists stopping over in the Wilmington section on the going and returning trips. Perhaps it will be so some day.

ISLAND STATIONS FOR COAST AVIATION.

The Aero Club of North America has announced that it has obtained use of two large ocean islands for aeroplane landing stations, hangars and repair shops, to be utilized for along the coast flights. Aeroplaning is becoming more popular than ever, and it is on the club programme to make coast flights from the North to the South, with landing stations on such islands as are suitable for the use of the aero men. Of course, at each station there will be club houses where the members of the club can be entertained when they drop down from the sky.

One of the islands obtained by the Aero Club is off the coast of Maine. It is owned by Rear Admiral Peary. The other island is the property of Mr. Edwin Gould, of New York, and is off the coast of Georgia, near Jekyl island. Other landing stations will be acquired, and the probability is that these same stations, when suitable, can be made stop-over points for yachts passing from the North to the South and return.

It is announced that the work of opening up these two islands as permanent aeroplane camps will be started at once. President Hawley of the Aero Club says that they will have the same significance, in his opinion, as the opening up of garages and repair shops along the principal highways had in the early days of automobiling.

A general call will be made to owners of yacht landings and other property suitable for aeroplane stations to contribute suitable sites for way stations between Maine and Georgia. Already sites have been offered, but they have not yet been accepted.

Governor's Island has been the only landing place for aeroplanes in the neighborhood of New York, except for their home grounds at Hempstead and Garden City.

Why can't we get an aero station made of Palmetto Island, at the mouth of Cape Fear? It would make a capital one, and besides would afford an ideal rendezvous for yachts.

EMPTY STOCKINGS FILLED.

With great gratification The Star tenders its felicitations to its esteemed local contemporary, the Evening Dispatch, upon the splendid success it achieved in raising its "Empty Stocking Fund," so that those children who might have been overlooked by Santa Claus should have a return call. It was a good idea sprung by our neighbors of the Dispatch. Indeed, it was the manifestation of a noble spirit, and Editor James H. Cowan and Proprietor R. P. McClammy and all their associates, aiders and abettors have scored beautifully in a benevolent coup that redounds to their credit.

Through contributions of money and donations of articles, the Dispatch folks made 700 little hearts happy yesterday. In all, the cash contributions amounted to something like $450, and it was spent wisely and judiciously with a view to seeing that many little children of the city should feel and realize what Christmas is. Yesterday two big express wagons and four automobiles scurried all over the city, carrying Christmas goodies, presents, wearing apparel, toys and good cheer to the homes of the little folks. The "empty stocking" movement was carried out with such fine system that when delivery time came the addresses of only fifteen children could not be located. However, Editor Cowan threw down everything else, abandoned the tripod and found every one and then some. No one could possibly be more happy than the Dispatch people, and we congratulate them upon a happy thought so splendidly and practically put into effect.

BETTER DAY AHEAD

(Contributed)

Should bells be pealing merrily on the present Christmas Day,
Or should they toll in sorrow for the war?
Is Christ our Saviour? Verily, answer aye or nay.
We must not blindly grope another hour.

'Tis true the war in gloom enshrouds mankind everywhere,
For "Havoc", in his chariot, seeks his fill.
O Father, God, how long, how long, are he breaks his spear,
And "Peace on Earth" shall reign with gentle will?

Be patient, child, my kingdom comes, even as comes the morn,
To drive away the terror of the night.
My word is truth, it must prevail, sin be held in scorn,
And love shall rule the people by its might.

Wilmington, N. C.

CURRENT COMMENT.

An order for 10,000 sheet metal tent stoves has been received by a Mercer (Pa.) manufacturing concern from the British and French governments. Either oil or gasoline can be burned in the stoves. The order will keep the plant working day and night for several weeks.—New York World.

Among the various silk producing countries of the world Japan occupied first place in 1812, with 36 per cent of the total; China followed closely, with 31 per cent; Europe produced only 19 per cent, the Levant and Central Asia, 11 per cent, and South America 3 per cent.—New Orleans States.

The vote on the Hobson bill having gone on record in the House, attention will now be turned to the North Carolina Legislature and its probable disposition of the bill to prohibit the shipment of liquor into the State. The outcome of this movement is about as easy of prediction as was the action in Congress. North Carolina is going to be made as dry as a last year's stack of fodder. This is made the more certain by reason of the fact that the demand is as strong for a leakless law by the element known as anti-prohibitionists, as it is by the prohibitionists themselves. Sentiment seems to call for prohibition of the most stringent kind, the desire that neither side may have it being mutual. The Observer believes the Anti-Saloon League has a safe case in the Legislature.—Charlotte Observer.

News comes from Washington that the North Carolina Republicans are laying a trail of toil from the door of Mr. E. C. Duncan's bank up Fayetteville street in the direction of the Capitol door. It would be a tremendous encouragement to the Republicans should they see indications on Duncan's part to respond to the inducement. In The Observer's opinion, Mr. Duncan stands in a class by himself as a Republican politician. There are other leaders, but they could be scarcely considered as more than able lieutenants. But we believe Mr. Duncan has found the place in the commercial and industrial affairs of the State into which he best fits. He has served his State so much better as a business man and an industrial promoter than he ever did as a politician, and has derived so much greater satisfaction out of the results of his newer line of endeavor, that this paper has its doubts, and very serious ones, too, that the voice of the fickle siren will ever be able to lure him back into the activities of politics.—Charlotte Observer.

REFORMED BY A BEER KEG.

All Bangor Made Dry Because Receptacle Hit the Mayor

(Bangor, Me., Dispatch.)

Because he was struck and almost felled by a keg of beer, which was being rolled into a groggery on one of the main streets of this city Mayor Utterback today called upon the police to close up all the places where liquor is being sold openly.

"A pretty story this would have made for the newspapers if I, the mayor of one of the principal cities in prohibition Maine, had been disabled in such a manner," he told the chief.

BIGGEST WAR HORSE CARGO TO GO ON AMERICAN SHIP

Missourian, of Hawaiian Line, Will Take 1,500.

(The New York Sun.)

The American-built steamship Missourian, of the American-Hawaiian Line, is waiting at the Bush Terminal, South Brooklyn, to take on a cargo of horses which are to be landed at Bordeaux. This vessel was chartered recently for animal transportation and is one of a big fleet of steamers which is carrying remounts for the armies of the Allies across the Atlantic. It is possible that the Missourian will sail today. Those in charge are bending every effort to get away, as the horses are wanted as quickly as possible.

The Missourian will carry 1,500 head, the largest number of horses ever to be sent across the Atlantic in one ship. Until this time the largest number carried on one vessel was 1,000 on the cable-laying ship Faraday, but that was some years ago. The Faraday had all her horses on one deck, while they are on four decks of the Missourian. She will make the trip across the ocean in about 12 days and will then return as quickly as possible for another cargo.

She will make the third vessel in this service to leave this port this season. The Oracadia left on November 4 and the Indrani on November 11, both for Bordeaux, and each carried 700 head of horses. With the Missourian the total number of horses shipped from New York to the French port this month will be 2,900, and many more are to follow.

New York is not the only port from which horses are being shipped. Vessels are leaving New Orleans, Galvestons, Newport News, Boston, Portland and Montreal as fast as they can be obtained, and the only things preventing more horses from being sent is the difficulty in finding vessels suitable for this freight.

The Missourian was chartered by a firm of shippers, and as she was not properly equipped for carrying horses much work had to be done before the animals could be put on board. The United States government is very strict about the way animals are to be handled while crossing the ocean, and the work of fitting out the Missourian was done by the Kirkham Company, of Washington street, a firm that has specialized in this work for many years.

On the Missourian horses' stalls are built on four decks. Each horse has a stall 8 feet long by 2 feet 6 inches wide. These are built of smooth wood and are not padded. The horses stand in their stalls the whole way across the ocean and very soon accustom themselves to the conditions. As a rule they are good sailors and those in charge have very little trouble with them.

Fifteen hundred horses will eat quite a good deal during the voyage of 12 days, and they are fed hay and oats—plenty of both. An animal carrying vessel has to be equipped with condensers and evaporators to get fresh water for the horses. On the Missourian water pipes lead over the heads of the horses to each trough and an auxiliary system of water casks has been arranged to cool the water as it comes from the condensers. The stall must be well ventilated and ventilators are placed 50 feet apart. Electric lights have been placed throughout the vessel, as the horses must have light, and hospitals have been erected.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS' MY GOD, HOW I DREAD IT."

From the Heart of a Wife and Mother. The Reason Told.

(By Mrs. W. N. Hutt, in Progressive Farmer.)

There came to my letter basket several days ago a letter which I thought too sad, too tragic, to print here. But Editor Poe's appeal in the issue of December 5 to have "A Liquorless Christmas" made me change my mind, so I am giving a very little of it, hoping that some tempted man may see his family as this one. This woman writes me:

"'Merry Christmas,' you say. My God, how I dread it! There has never been a Christmas that he did not come home drunk. The silly grin on his face meant more than the price to buy each little child a doll and a pair of shoes. When his mood changes to ugliness he tries to beat us. He never did that but once, for after that I got a strong bolt on the upstairs door and I have plenty of food and wood up there. The suspense is terrible. It would not be so bad if he did not go out and beat the poor animals so when he cannot get to us. Once he broke a mule's jaw and he has not paid for it yet.

"Oh, Mrs. Hutt, can you not help to prevent anyone at all selling whiskey at Christmas time, when men should be good to everybody? He is a good man most of the time and tries to leave drink alone. We thought religion was going to help us once, but you know they serve wine at communion and that starts him right off again.

"We have had good crops and there is no reason why I have no clothes to go to church nor why the children should not go to school only that he will drink sometimes. Now, what do you think of that for a way to bring up four little children to know that we celebrate because it is the birthday of Jesus?"

VACANT SEAT FOR DEAD "PAL"

Wealthy Ranchmen Return to Dine in Hotel Where They Once Sold Papers.

(New York Tribune.)

Few persons in the big dining room of the Astor last night realized that the two men sitting at a table near the rear had come all the way from Chicago to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their graduation from the ranks of the newsboys who hover around Longacre Square. The two men were William Keene and Michael Manning, now prosperous ranch owners in California.

Ten years ago yesterday Keene was selling his papers in front of the hotel, when the horses attached to a carriage in which were James Austin, a Californian, and his wife, became frightened and ran away. Dropping his papers, Keene went to the rescue and stopped the horses. Mr. Austin was so grateful that he invited Keene to dinner, and then offered to take him and his friend Manning to California. They went. They were in Chicago yesterday negotiating for the sale of a large number of cattle, so they decided to come here and celebrate the tenth anniversary of their good fortune.

There was a vacant seat at the table last night in honor of "Little Bill," another newsboy whom they wanted to take back with them. He had died a few years ago. Both men returned to Chicago last night.

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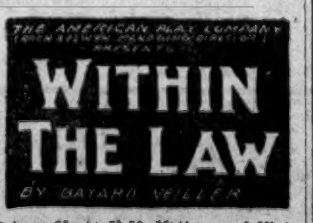

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Services of Interest to Diocese of East Carolina in St. James.

PRELATES TO BE HERE

Presiding Bishop Tuttle, in Telegram to Dr. W. H. Milton, Names Date —Clergy and Lay Officers of Diocese to be Present

The consecration of Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., who was elected Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina on October 7th at a meeting of the Council held in Washington, N. C., will take place on Wednesday morning, January 6th, at 11 o'clock in St. James' Episcopal church, of Wilmington, according to a telegram received yesterday morning by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, of this city, from Presiding Bishop Daniel Tuttle, of Missouri.

Bishop-elect Darst is now rector of St. James' church in Richmond, Va., and is a man comparatively young in years for such a responsible position. He will arrive in Wilmington several days before the consecration. He and his family will reside at the Episcopal residence on Orange street.

This will be one of the most impressive occasions in church circles in Wilmington of recent years and will be largely attended. All the clergy and lay officers of the diocese as well as many visitors from Richmond and other places in Virginia will be in attendance.

There will be two services, the first being morning prayer at 9 A. M. and the last being the consecration service at 11 A. M. Presiding Bishop Tuttle who will have charge of the service will arrive in Wilmington on January 5th.

It is peculiarly appropriate that the consecration should take place in St. James' church because of the high place that it holds in the diocese of East Carolina and also because of the fact that the Episcopal residence will be in this city. This service will be the most impressive that has been held in this historic church since the consecration of the late Bishop Robert Strange, who was consecrated a little more than 10 years ago.

The following prelates will take part in the ceremony:

Consecrators—Presiding Bishop Tuttle; Bishop Cheshire, of the Diocese of North Carolina; Bishop Gibson, of the Diocese of Virginia.

Presentors—Bishop Guerry, of the Diocese of South Carolina; Bishop Coadjutor Gravatt, of the Diocese of West Virginia.

Attending Presbyters—Rev. John M. Robeson, of Virginia, and Rev. C. A. Ashby, of Elizabeth City.

The local committee on arrangements is composed of Messrs. J. V. Grainger, chairman, S. M. Boatwright, W. D. MacMillan, Jr., A. Alligood and Capt. Thomas D. Meares.

Bishop-elect Darst and his family will receive a warm and cordial welcome not only from members of the Episcopal churches in Wilmington but from all the citizens of the city. His ministry has been one of ever increasing success and those who have known him intimately feel that the Diocese of East Carolina has been fortunate in securing him for this high position.

Rev. Thomas C. Darst.

GRAND THEATRE CLOSES POPULAR PRIZE CONTEST

Talking Doll and Gold Christmas Gifts Awarded Yesterday

The New Grand yesterday brought to a climax their prize contest which has been creating so much attention for the past two weeks or more, and which became quite exciting near the finish, and as a result two patrons of the theatre received handsome Christmas presents.

The contest was brought to a close yesterday afternoon, and an audience that taxed the capacity of the enlarged New Grand was present to witness the finish. The winner of the first prize was Miss Agnes Gillainin, and she was presented with the handsome talking doll. The second prize winner was Miss Grace Lassell, and she was presented with $10 in gold.

FUNERAL OF MR. KURE.

Services Held from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Yesterday.

The funeral of Mr. Hans Anderson Kure, Sr., who died early Wednesday morning, was held yesterday afternoon, the services from the residence, No. 314 Nun street, being at 2:30 o'clock and from St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 3 o'clock. Rev. G. W. McClanahan, the pastor, conducted the services, which were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

The pall-bearers were as follows: Honorary, Dr. Chas. T. Harper and Messrs. W. A. French, E. P. H. Strunck, William Sheehan, Sr., T. J. Little and William Hamilton; active, Col. Walker Taylor and Messrs. Louis Skinner, L. Manson, Sr., Charles Schnibben, S. F. Cowan and J. H. Hinton.

MRS. J. M. TURNER DEAD

Pased Away Yesterday Afternoon At Home in Wilmington

Many friends will be deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Turner, wife of Mr. J. M. Turner, who died at her home, No. 10 Wooster street, yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. She was 47 years old. She was greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

Surviving her besides her husband is one daughter, Mrs. W. M. Yopp, of this city, and two brothers ,Messrs. Henry Kirkham, of Masonboro, and J. E. Kirkham, of Wilmington. They will have the tender sympathy of many friends.

Finshed a Burglar.

Wednesday about 12 o'clock Plainclothesman Frank George and B. W. Jacobs flushed a would-be burglar near Fourth and Walnut streets, catching him in the act of breaking into a dwelling. He was a bright mulatto, they reported, and he fled like the wind when they came upon him. The two officers gave chase with all speed and sent two bullets after the fugitive, but he got away and vanished like a wraith.

Have you joined the 1915 Savings Club at the American National Bank? (Advertisement) tf

CAPT. A. M. WILSON D EAD

Well Known Retired River Captain Died at Home in Wilmington—Was Confederate Veteran.

Capt. Alexander M. Wilson, a well known retired river captain, was found dead in his bed at his home, No. 217 Castle street, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. He was in his 63rd year and had been in declining health for the last two years. He had been seriously ill for the last six or eight months.

He was a Confederate veteran, having enlisted in the Confederate army when he was only 13 years old. He was in the Fort Fisher engagement and also saw service in the interior of the State. After the war he settled at Southport, later moving to Wilmington where he spent the greater part of his life. Before coming to this city he entered the United States revenue service and served for several years as a noncommissioned officer on board the cutter Colfax.

He was master of several river boats and was known as one of the best on the Cape Fear river. He had been retired for several years and had not been in active business recently. He was a familiar figure on the streets of Wilmington and had many staunch friends, who admired him greatly because of his genial disposition and cheerful manner. He was particularly devoted to children.

Soon after going to Southport he was married to Miss Ellen Nora Piver, who died several years ago. He is survived by four children, Mrs. Nettie Robbins, of Gainesville, Fla.; Mrs. E. E. Fulcher, of Wilmington, and Messrs. Everett McLean Wilson and A. M. Wilson, Jr., both of this city. There are also a large number of grandchildren, these being Miss Flossie Robbins and Earl Robbins, of Gainesville, Fla.; William Mack Turner and Lyness Turner, of Wilmington; Edwin Earl Robbins and Mack Thomas Robbins, of Washington, N. C. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Annie Giddons, of Brooksville, Fla.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

COUNCILMAN JONES IS REMEMBERED BY POLICE.

Given Handsome Gold Locket as Evidence of Their Appreciation.

As an evidence of their appreciation of the interest that Councilman W. F. Jones, of the Department of Public Safety, has shown in the police department since he assumed the duties of his office nearly two years ago, the members of Wilmington's "Finest" last night presented him with a handsome gold locket, the presentation being made by Recorder Brooke G. Empie, who performed that duty in his own inimitable, graceful style.

Councilman Jones was visibly affected by this expression of appreciation from the men who have worked so ably to protect the public peace of Wilmington and told the men that it was his earnest effort to do his duty to the best of his ability. He assured them that he should wear the locket and that it would occupy an honored place in his possessions.

The presentation took place just at the time the night and day forces change and practically the entire force was present. They lined up at headquarters for roll call. It was an occasion of rare good fellowship and one that will be long remembered.

The locket is engraved with the initials of Councilman Jones on the back and beneath it is the simple inscription, "Police Department, 1914." On the front is a pretty diamond.

ATTENTION

Trustee's Sale of the G. H. Haar stock of fancy articles, dry goods, notions, etc. now on at 111 Chesnut street. All suitable for Christmas presents. Prices guaranteed below cost. —Advertisement. tf.

COMMUNITY TREE TONIGHT

An Interesting Event at St. John's Mission This Evening—Public Invited to Attend.

The Community Christmas tree which will be given tonight at 7:30 o'clock on the lawn at St. John's Mission, No. 1318 North Fourth street, will be one of the most striking Yuletide events in Wilmington. Preparations for the occasion have been in progress for several weeks and an interesting and varied programme has been prepared. Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, has had charge of the arrangements and will preside at the exercises tonight.

A large tree has been provided by the street department and put in place under the direction of Mr. Jno. C. McAllister, superintendent. It has been attractively lighted with many tiny candles by the Tidewater Power Co., and will present a beautiful sight tonight.

The exercises in connection with the Community tree will be held from the porch of the Mission house. There will be many surprises and those who attend are promised an enjoyable time. the public is most cordially invited.

It was first planned to have a Municipal Christmas tree down-town but this did not prove to be practicable and the Community tree at St. John's Mission will be held instead. This has the same purpose in view, this being to observe the spirit of Christmas in a way in keeping with the sacred meaning of the day instead of festivities foreign to the idea.

TEACHER GIVEN CHAIR.

Prof. Washington Catlett Pleasantly Remembered by Pupils.

Prof. Washington Catlett, principal of the Cape Fear Academy, was yesterday afternoon presented with a handsome oak chair by his pupils. He appreciates it very much, of course, but parts somewhat regretfully with the old arm chair in which he for two decades has sat giving instruction to hundreds of boys and girls.

It was a surprise to him as the students had not told him of their purpose. He accepted in his usual graceful style and told them that he would always remember their thoughtfulness with the greatest pleasure.

Christmas Tree at Delgado.

The Sunday school of Delgado Baptist church, of which Mr. L. W. Moore is superintendent, will have a Christmas tree tonight at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting programme has been prepared and the public is invited to attend. There will be presents for all who come.

GRAND JURY RETURNS TRUE BILL AGAINST LEROY PRICE

Young Man of Wayne Charged With Killing His Father.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 24. — The grand jury has returned a true bill against the young man, Leroy Price, for the killing of his father, R. B. Price, near Seven Springs, some weeks ago. The coroner's jury liberated young Price upon the grounds that the killing was justifiable. But the matter was taken up by the grand jury at the instance of the dead man's brothers. It is understood that some new and additional evidence has been secured that was not brought before the coroner's jury, which caused the grand jury to take action. Young Price gave bond for his appearance at the next term of Wayne Superior Court. Able counsel has been employed on both sides, and the case will doubtless be strongly contested.

TODAY IS CHRISTMAS AND WORLD IS HAPPY

Formal Celebration Began In Earnest Last Night.

Santa Claus Visits Wilmington Homes Bringing Many Reminders of Yuletide Season—Observance in General.

Today is Christmas. What more need be said? That day to which every child looks forward with the keenest anticipation of pleasure and happiness is once more at hand. Old Santa Claus, that friend of the centuries, started out early last night on his rounds and before the sun rises today will have distributed presents of all kinds to millions of children in the United States.

The observance of the day in Wilmington will be marked by a general quietness, save here and there the popping of fire crackers. The police let down the bars last night and there was a constant booming of mammoth crackers and all sorts of fireworks all over the city. It was not confined to the youngsters for the men engaged in it, too. There were just a few who thought it would be fun to shoot a sure enough pistol in the streets—but the police department was on the job and they were promptly nabbed.

The joy of the happy Yuletide season was in the air yesterday, even though heavy overhanging clouds cast a shadow of gloom over the city, and all day the streets of the city were thronged with busy shoppers. There were many from the country and from the nearby towns, all intent upon buying some remembrance for loved ones.

Early in the afternoon the Christmas spirit of good cheer began to manifest itself with the shooting of firecrackers, the blowing of bugles, the jangling of cow bells and the various kinds of noises that youthful America has been enabled to devise with which to make a racket. And make a racket they did. But with the first outburst of exuberant joy quieted, there will be a general cessation of the festive spirit today and Wilmington will assume its usual holiday attire, which is much like that of Sunday.

Public offices, banks and business houses of all kinds will be closed for the day save only for a few stores that will open during the early morning hours to give their customers an opportunity to exchange goods, if they so desire, or to afford some forgetful shopper an opportuinty to purchase a belated Christmas present. For the next week or so the city will be given over to the general gaiety of the holiday season.

The college boys and girls are home again and this brings joy to many homes. It is a time when busy persons take a few days off to visit relatives and while many have left the city others have come to take their places. It is the time for the annual reunion in many homes, when troubles and worries are laid aside, and for the moment they give themselves over to the enjoyment of life in its best sense.

The weather man could hold out little hope last night for a fair day and Observer Felger's forecast was for cloudiness with probable showers. He may be mistaken—we hope he is—but anyway Wilmington will be happy and glad and joyful. It isn't the weather, anyhow, but the spirit that makes Christmas worth while.

The poor have not been forgotten and all day yesterday the Salvation Army was busy distributing well filled baskets of food which today will afford a bountiful repast in many a home that otherwise would have gone without food.

It is the worthy aim of Wilmington people to see that every family in the city has some reminder of Christmas. The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, true to its name in its purpose, yesterday distributed 145 boxes and bags filled with candy, nuts, raisins, apples, oranges an other artilles. The distribution was made under the direction of the president, Mrs. James Howard.

The Evening Dispatch "Empty Stocking" fund climbed and climbed until between $450 and $500 was secured and Editor Jas. H. Cowan had the satisfaction of seeing when he had wound up the day yesterday that 700 people will have a reminder of the glad holiday season today.

All the churches of Wilmington will either have services today or within the next few days commemorative of the Christmas season. Christmas trees will be the means of bringing to the children of the Sunday schools suitable presents.

The volume of business this year perhaps will not be as large as in previous years on account of the fact that people have felt that they must economize. The merchants, however, are not despondent for there were many purchases made. The postoffice and the express office have been crowded all the week with people, who were sending away presents to other parts.

The European war has caused people to think more seriously than usual and there is evidence of the subdued air all about. However, people in this section are disposed to make the best of things and face the future with that determination that is worthy of true men.

And they will today have good dinners and meet around the festive board with the same satisfaction as in former years, and there will be thankfulness in every heart that it is no worse than it is.

At the Academy this afternoon and tonight there will be a splendid attraction in the presentation of "Within the Law." It is one of the big numbers of the season at the Academy and there will no doubt be large crowds at both performances. The moving picture theatres will be a mecca for many.

The colored folk have not been forgotten in this happy Yuletide season and this evening from 5 to 8:30 there will be dinner for the colored poor at St. Stephen's A. M. E. church under the auspices of the Clara Barton Memorial Mission. Mrs. E. May Glenn Toon is in charge of the movement.

—According to his annual custom, Mr. A. W. Ek, secretary of the Imperial Life and Health Company, presented to each of the employes of the company a Christmas turkey, which, of course, was greatly appreciated by them.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Corbett, of Ivanhoe, were guests at the Orton yesterday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kelly are spending the holidays with relatives at Clarkton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Branch are spending the holidays with relatives in Richmond, Va.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Murphy, of Greensboro, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Covington.

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E. Latimer, Esq., is in the city to spend the holidays with his uncle, Mr. William Latimer.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Banks and children, of Fayetteville, are spending the holidays with friends in the city.

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Miss Cecilia Quinlivan, of New York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Dan Quinlivan, No. 215 North Second street.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Watkins are spending the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in Richmond, Va.

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Miss Elizabeth Sheehan, who has been in school at Blackstone Female Institute, Blackstone, Va., is at home for the holidays.

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Mr. W. T. Kellum and daughter, Mrs. Laura Winberry, of Kellum, are guests of Mr. Kellum's son, Woodus Kellum, Esq., at 212 Castle street.

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Mrs. Geo. H. Bellamy, Jr., left yesterday for Kernersville, where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Morton.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Jr., of Lockport, N. Y., are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. U. R. Kenan, No. 202 South Third street.

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W. P. Stacy, Esq., left yesterday afternoon for the western part of the State, where he will spend the Christmas season with relatives and friends.

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Among the students returning from school to spend the holidays at home are Messrs. John Allen Thames and William Cumming, who have arrived from Davidson College.

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Mr. J. Sprunt Newton, of Fayetteville, was in the city last night on his way to his old home in Duplin county to spend Christmas with relatives and friends of his boyhood days.

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Mr. Fred D. Poisson, who is with the American Tobacco Company, at Greensboro, is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Brooke G. Empie, No. 308 South Second street.

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Miss Eliza Amelia Collins returned Tuesday from the State Normal College at Greensboro to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Collins, No. 1920 Market street.

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Miss Mary Worth, who is a senior at the State Normal College, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Worth, No. 412 South Second street.

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Mr. B. F. Yandell, associate secretary of the Y. M. C. A., left yesterday for his home in Charlotte, and after spending the holidays there will leave for Chicago to enter the Moody Bible Institute.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones arrived yesterday from New York and will spend the Christmas season at their country home, Airlie-on-the-Sound. They were accompanied by Mr. Robert Burnett, of Massachusetts, father of Mrs. Lyman Delano, of Wilmington, and his son, Mr. George Burnett, and Miss Hannah Bolles, of this city. Miss Bolles recently returned from Hong Kong, China, where she visited her brother, Mr. John W. Jones. The party will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jones during the holiday season.

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Mr. George D. Martin and Miss Beulah M. Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Green, were married last evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents on South Third street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church. The wedding was very quiet and was attended by only a few friends. The bride and groom will leave this morning for Charlotte, where they will spend ten days with relatives and friends. Upon their return they will make their home at No. 910 South Second street. Mr. Martin holds a position in the American National bank.

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TWO CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS SOLEMNIZED AT CLINTON.

Clinton, N. C., Dec. 23.—The marriage yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock of Miss Ethel Carr, accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carr, to Mr. Uriel Waller, a popular young lumberman, both of Clinton, was an interesting event to their many friends here. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. T. Collins, pastor of the bride, at the Baptist church, and was witnessed by a large gathering of friends. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Waller motored to Warsaw where they caught the night train for an extended tour in the North, which will include a visit to relatives of the groom in the state of Maryland.

Another marriage ofinterest on the same day was that of Miss Maude Williamson, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Williamson, to Mr. Thomas A. Davis, which was solemnized at Beulah Baptist church near here at 2 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Rivenbark officiating. The groom is a progressive and popular young farmer of South Clinton. After the ceremony, which was witnessed by a large gathering of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Davis left for Bishopville, S. C., where they will visit relatives of the groom.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Deputy Sheriff Reynolds will leave tomorrow morning for Concord, where he goes to take Henry Frazew, a 13-year-old white youth, to the Stonewall Jackson Training School.

—In token of their esteem, the employes of the Health Department yesterday presented to Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, the superintendent of health, a silver tobacco case of very handsome design.

—The general delivery window at the postoffice will be open today from 11 to 12 A. M. and 7 to 8 P. M. Stamps will be sold at this window. The carriers will make one delivery of mail and one collection.

—The annual inspection of the Wilmington Light Infantry will be held on the night of Feburary 9th. There are six companies in the Coast Artillery Corps and the inspection of the others will be made in March.

—The Star is under obligations to the Coca-Cola Bottling Works for several handsome calendars. According to their usual custom this concern is distributing among its friends and patrons many attractive souvenirs of the holiday season in the form of wallets and pocketbooks.

—Mr. W. H. Stansell, manager of the Wilmington office of the Postal Telegraph Company, stated yesterday that Postal messenger boys are not allowed to carry carols and that patrons would confer a favor by refusing to make donations to boys who may annoy them with the carols.

—Sheriff Cowan and Deputy Sheriff Kelly went to the Black Swamp section yesterday morning to turn over to The Stone Company property seized under claim and delivery proceedings, the defendant having failed to furnish replevy bond. The property consists of produce and farming untensils and is valued at $250.

POLICE HAVE BUSY NIGHT

Negro Shot by Unknown Person—Seriously Injured—Negroes Steal Pistol From Store.

An unknown person shot Dave Thompson, colored, driver for J. G. Kuhlken, No. 902 North Sixth street, last night about 8 o'clock, the bullet striking him near the ear and passing through his mouth. He had just left the store to make some deliveries and stated that there were two negroes in the street, one of whom shot him. The police were notified and he was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital in the auto patrol by Sergeant H. W. Howell and Patrolman Hansley. His condition is considered serious.

Mr. G. C. Simmons, who conducts a gun and locksmith business at No. 22 South Front street, reported to the police that two negroes entered his place last night about 7:30 o'clock. They were being shown a pistol by one of his assistants, he stated, and taking the gun started to walk out. Mr. Simmons was in the front of the store and tried to take it away from him. After a tussle the negroes escaped, taking the gun with them.

Willie Burnett, colored, was arrested by Plainclothesman Frank George on a charge of robbery and an assault with a deadly weapon. William Pugh, also colored, said that Burnett held him up and took his pistol and when he ran after him to try to get him to return the weapon Burnett shot at him.

W. H. Walker, colored, was arrested by Policeman Applebury and Deputy Sheriff Kelly, and James Hawes, colored, by Policeman Thompson, on charges of shooting pistols within the city limits. They were locked up.

Messrs. T. D. Meares, Jr., and W. H. McEachern were arrested by Policeman M. C. Gray on a charge of engaging in an affray. They were recognized for their appearance before the Recorder tomorrow. They had some misunderstanding and are reported to have used their fists in an encounter at Front and Princess streets.

New York, Dec. 24. —Edward F. Torrey secretary of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, announced today that the annual meeting of the association would be held here Feburary 5th. Announcement also was made that Robert D. Wrenn, president of the association had reconsidered his withdrawal as a candidate for re-election.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

"And there were in the same country shepherd abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said until them, Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. . . . . And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

St. John's Episcopal church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector—Holy Communion 7:30 A. M. Morning prayer and Holy Communion 11 A. M. Special Christmas music. All are cordially invited.

Community Christmas tree with a specially prepared programme at St. John's Mission, No. 1313 North Fourth street, 7:30 P. M. The tree has been put in place by the city officials, and has been lighted by the Tidewater Power Company, and is in readiness for the exercises tonight. The tree is out under the live oaks on the Mission grounds, and the exercises will be held from the porch of the Mission House. Everybody is invited, and a large attendance is expected.

St. James' Episcopal church Christmas celebration. Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M. Morning prayer, address and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. Everybody invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor. At 11 A. M. the pastor will preach a special sermon on "The Soul of Christmas." There will be special music by the choir. The Sunday School Christmas service will be held at 5 o'clock. An interesting programme has been prepared for this occasion. There will be special music at both services.

St. Mathew's Lutheran church, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor. There will be a sermon and other exercises at 11 o'clock this morning.

Southside Baptist church, Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor. The members of the church and friends will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon to pack a box for the Thomasville Orphanage.

There will be an entertainment at Fourth Street Advent Christian church tonight at 8 o'clock to which the public is invited.

THEATRICAL

Smokeless powder, noiseless firearms and a Maxim silencer, such as the McNamara dynamiters are alleged to have employed against their enemies, are adopted for the first time on the stage in "Within the Law", Bayard Veiller's thrilling new American play of modern metropolitan life, which Selwyn and Company is to present at the Academy of Music today, matinee and night.

These ingenious devices of modern crime—which make possible the killing of a person, with practically a minimum danger of detection—are adroitly introduced by the playwright to inject an element of baffling mystery into the murder that forms one of the exciting scenes of "Within the Law." Although the audience sees a pistol drawn and the character at whom it is aimed drop seemingly lifeless, there is not the slightest report from the discharge of the bullet nor the faintest trace of smoke. It is the use of these weapons that makes so puzzling the solution of the crime in the play. In New York and Chicago where "Within the Law" is the current dramatic hit, the play was designated "the drama of the minute." Seats are now selling at Woodall & Sheppard's.

Big Christmas Bill—Bijou.

The glorious Christmas Day is here, and joy reigns everywhere. And the management of Wilmington's popular amusement spot were not caught napping, for long ago they booked one of the rousingest bills of movies that Wilmington has ever seen to celebrate the glad occasion when the crowds would be at their very biggest. Today's bill, consisting of six full reels, contains one feature that is among the biggest releases of the year, if not the very biggest, barring the big serial dramas.

"For the Mastery of the World" is the title, and it is an Eclair drama in three reels that is entirely beyond anything of the kind that has ever before been produced. It deals with the great story written by Jacques Futrell, which tells the story of a powerful explosive that could be operated for a distance of 3,000 miles by wireless. The possibilities of such a great demon of destruction are impossible to conjure up. Its possession would make the owner absolute master of the whole universe. Well, this story is based upon the inventing of such a demon, by which the inventive genius hoped to conquer the whole world. It's thrilling—that is no description at all of it—it is entirely beyond anything of the kind you have ever seen. And it comes in three full reels, too.

Another notable offering for this holiday occasion is "The Revenue Officer's Deputy". This is a thrilling two-reel drama and features that great Mutual star, Irene Hunt, with Frank Bennett playing opposite her in the leading role. It is one of the most thrilling and interesting dramatic treats the Mutual has put out in a long time, and is replete with thrills for the entire length of two reels.

Then there's a mammoth Keystone comedy feature, "The Love Feast" that is absolutely one of the greatest ever.

Big Christmas at New Grand.

Wilmington's favorite theatre, the city's swellest amusement resort has prepared to celebrate the day of all days in most glorious way. It has especially selected its show for today, so as to beat in true accord with the festive event and to provide the people of this city with the greatest possible kind of a Christmas show. The holiday crowds are certainly flocking to the New Grand and yesterday the gaiety of the streets could not keep the people from packing this theatre. Yesterday afternoon the New Grand, according to its previous announcement and in keeping with the rules of the contest, presented two handsome Christmas presents. One was a large talking doll, which, as a result of the contest, was awarded to Miss Agnes Gillalain, while the second winner was Miss Grace Lassell, who received $10 in gold. Truly, this was a big Christmas for these happy patrons of the New Grand.

But today's great holiday show. It is going to be of feature character all the way through, and especially in honor of the young folks the headliner will be "Buster Brown and the German Band," with clever Norris Milligan appearing as "Buster". Helen Millington as "Mary Jane" and James Harris as "Tige". It is the very latest scream film that will immensely please the older folks as well as the youngsters. Of course, there is going to be a special two-part film. It will be Kalem's "His Nemesis," with charming Helen Holmes in the stellar role. It is a stirring dramatic. Then will come "The Sheriff's Reward," which is another gripping dramatic, and one that will strike fire in every heart. Following this will be offered a rousing comedy, "A Military Mix-Up", with popular Dan Mason and just as popular Carol Cushman in the star parts. This makes five swell reels on today, and there will be no advance in the price of admission. It is ever 5 cents.

Remember that if you have visitors one fine way of entertaining them is by carrying them to the New Grand, one of the handsomest movie houses in the South.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. H. Mitchell left yesterday morning for Spring Hope, where he will spend Christmas with his mother.

—Messrs. James, D. B., and W. A. Sinclair are here to spend the holidays at their old home and have been pleasantly greeted by a host of friends.

—Mr. Irl T. Sell, who is foreman of The Evening Dispatch, left yesterday for Maysville to spend the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Sell.

—Mr. C. D. Foard, the well known hardware man, beginning the first of the year, will take the road for S. M. Borden Bros., of Philadelphia, handling stoves, ranges, refrigerators, etc. Mr. Foard will have North Carolina for his territory.

—R. H. Paddison, Esq., Deputy United States Shipping Commissioner for a part of New York, arrived in the city yesterday via Charleston and Columbia, S. C., en route to Burgaw to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Paddison.

—Mr. Hugh O. Wallace, now with the Sullivan Hardware Co., at Anderson, S. C., spent yesterday in the city on his way to Kenansville, N. C., to visit his father, Mr. B. Wallace, during the holidays. His friends were delighted to see him looking well and to know that he is most pleasantly situated in Anderson.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., December 15, 1914.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 P. M., January 14, 1915, for the construction complete (including mechanical equipment) of medical officers' quarters at the United States Marine Hospital, Wilmington, N. C. The building is a two-story frame structure with a ground area of 1,170 square feet. Drawings and specifications may be obtained from the custodian at Wilmington, N. C., or at this office, in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. O. Wenderoth, Supervising Architect.
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK COTTON QUIET

After Much Up and Down Movement Price Finally Became Steady at Close Some 8 Points up

New York, Dec. 24—Cotton was quiet today. Scattering accounts evidently been pretty well evened up on yesterday's reaction and there seemed little disposition to undertake fresh commitments in advance of the holidays. There was some further buying by houses with foreign connections and prices ruled generally steady, with the close steady at a net advance of 5 to 9 points.

The market opened steady to an advance of 2 to 3 points. After selling some 5 to 7 points net higher, prices eased off 3 or 4 points under realizing, but the Southern selling, which was a feature of yesterday's trading, was not in evidence and the market soon became firmer. December notices, estimated at about 2,000 bales were circulating at the start but seemed to cause no liquidation. The market gradually worked higher with the active months selling some 8 to 10 points above yesterday's closing during the afternoon.

Closing prices were a shade off from the best under realizing.

The new government standards were received by the cotton exchange here today and will be on exhibition after Monday. The exchanges here and at New Orleans will be closed until Monday and Liverpool will remain closed until Tuesday morning.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 7.65. Sales 1,600 bales.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	7.45	7.51	7.51	7.51
Mar	7.65	7.71	7.65	7.69
May	7.82	7.89	7.80	7.87
July	8.00	8.08	7.98	8.06
Oct	8.26	8.31	8.23	8.29

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 7 3-16; receipts, 19,980; exports, 11,581; sales, 6,735; stock, 324,321.

Galveston—Middling, 7⅝; receipts, 19,647; exports, 32,407; sales, 200; stock, 417,129.

Mobile—Middling, 7 11-16; receipts, 587; sales, 75; stock, 49,488.

Savannah—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 12,875; exports, 3,001; sales, 2,475; stock, 275,626.

Charleston—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 4,067; stock, 129,685.

Wilmington—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 2,242; stock, 42,430.

Norfolk—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 3,-058; exports, 9,302; sales, 1,839; stock, 68,462.

Baltimore—Middling, 7½; stock, 2,562.

Boston—Middling, 7.65; receipts, 568; stock, 7,400.

Philadelphia—Middling, 7.90; stock, 8,169.

New York—Middling, 7.65; receipts, 648; exports, 5,322; stock, 79,794.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 6,681; exports, 22,934; stock, 51,313.

Total today — Receipts, 69,152; exports, 87,557; stock, 1,454,380.

Total for week—Receipts, 367,443; exports, 262,664.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,277,696; exports, 2,303,051.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 7 9-16; receipts, 15,219; shipments, 16,617; sales, 4,141; stock, 171,641.

Memphis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 4,-675; shipments, 7,903; sales, 1,250; stock, 269,083.

Augusta—Middling, 7⅜; receipts, 2,-953; shipments, 1,779; sales, 1,779; stock, 163,931.

St. Louis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 3,-645; shipments, 3,248; stock, 33,251.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 7,218; shipments, 6,942; stock, 4,736.

Little Rock — Middling, 7; receipts, 842; shipments, 1,955; stock, 53,672.

Dallas—Middling, 7; sales, 6,694.

Total today—Receipts, 33,952; shipments, 38,444; stock, 696,315.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Prices Advanced on Opening and Gained Throughout Session.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—The price of cotton advanced on the opening today and the gain was steadily held throughout the session. At the highest the more active months were 12 to 13 points over yesterday's last figures. The close was at a net gain of 6 to 11 points. Offerings were scanty and a small demand served to keep prices at the advance.

After the noon hour the main stimulating influence was the heavy export movement. Total shipments of all kinds were 100,846 bales while receipts at all ports were only 69,152 bales. Total foreign exports amounted to 87,-587 bales, which brought the total for the season up to 2,303,051 bales. The day's transactions in the spot department, 6,785, caused comment favorable to the market. They were the largest sales in some time.

Spot cotton steady; sales on the spot 710 bales; to arrive 6,075. Cotton futures closing: January 7.24; March 7.48; May 7.67; July 7.89; October 8.12.

SOUTHERN COTTON REVIEW.

Much Liquidation But Market Closed at Net Gain of Nearly $1 a Bale.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—While there was much liquidation of cotton this week, the market closed at a net gain of nearly a dollar a bale on the most active months. Investment buying met the market on all recessions and gave it a steady undertone. The export movement was the main supporting influence. Foreign clearances for the week up to Thursday night were 262,-864 bales. Some bearish comment was caused by the large stock held in this port, 324,321 bales tonight, but it was claimed that much of this is not for sale but is owned by spinners awaiting favorable opportunities for shipment. This claim was partly confirmed by spot brokers.

The short week restricted trading and it is probable that next week the market will not be active, since it will again close Thursday night. End of December shipments may play an important part in the trading as the long side has made repeated claims that they will be exceptionally heavy. Bearish traders are inclined to the opinion that the spot demand has been so heavy of late, and clearances so large, that December engagements have been fairly well filled and a falling off in both the demand and the movement from the ports may be looked for.

London, Dec. 24.—Bar silver, 22 11-16d per ounce. Money, 1¼ per cent. Discount rates: Short bills and three months bills, 2¾ per cent.

REVIEW OF COTTON MARKET

During the Past Week Prices Have Advanced on Broadening Demand for Trade and Investment.

New York, Dec. 24.—Cotton has been more active during the past week with prices advancing on a broadening trade and investment demand. Houses with foreign connections have been among the more persistent buyers and it is rumored that German interests have been particularly active, taking July and October contracts as well as large quantities of spot cotton in the South.

Only three of four steamers are reported to have actually cleared for Bremen, but in spite of the sensationally high ocean freight rate of about $15 per bale, several additional steamers have been chartered for late December or January sailings to that port and Germany is believed to be taking part of the cotton consigned to neutral ports.

The advance was checked by realizing and increased Southern selling with the approach of the holidays, but reactions were comparatively moderate and the talk around the ring has reflected a more optimistic sentiment. Such items as the activity of exporters, the railroad rate decision, the increasing business reported in the dry goods trade, prospects for a material reduction in the acreage next spring and the failure of the big government crop estimate to cause any overwhelming pressure from the South, have figured in the more bullish arguments.

The census report issued Monday showed 13,977,189 bales ginned to December 13th this year against 13,770,727 in the big crop year of 1911, but the amount ginned for the first half of December fell short of the big crop year and some of the more bullish traders question whether all the cotton actually grown this season will be picked and ginned. Domestic mills, however, are still said to be buying slowly and the market has met some selling on the advance which is evidently inspired by expectations that the large available supply will yet become a source of renewed weakness.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Hermia (Br.), 1,305 tons, Leslie, Norfolk, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

Rev. Cutter Seminole, from outside, to spend Christmas in port.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Hermia (Br.), 1,305 tons, Leslie, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Newstead (Br.), 1,827 tons, Willett, Henry Whyte.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,289 tons, Holzach, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. William Thomas Moore, 263 tons, Jones, C. D. Mafflitt & Co.

Schr. Alice May Davenport, 910 tons, Wiley, C. D. Mafflitt & Co. (In distress).

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, 42c.

ROSIN—Steady; large, $3.15; small, $3.00.

TAR — Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 34½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $2.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 41¼; rosin, firm, $3.45; tar, firm, $2.50-12; crude, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Spirits Turpentine 3
Rosin 2
Tar 344
Crude Turpentine 19

Receipts same day last year crude turpentine, 4 casks; rosin, 34 barrels; tar, 42 barrels; crude turpentine, 23 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7¼c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 1,848 bales; same day last year, 1,671 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 84,935 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 306,384 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 24.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,546 bales cotton; 2 barrels rosin; 39 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—160 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 305 barrels tar; 5 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Duplin—115 bales cotton.

Schr. Annie B—2 casks spirits turpentine; 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Thelma—27 bales cotton.

Total—2,848 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 2 barrels rosin; 344 barrels tar; 19 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 19)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, $@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@$2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Hogs—Unsettled. Bulk, 6.95@7.10; lights, 6.65@7.10; mixed, 6.75@7.20; heavy, 6.75@7.17½; rough, 6.75@6.90; pigs, 5.50@7.10.

Cattle—Strong. Native steers, 5.50@10.00; western, 5.20@8.10; cows and heifers, 3.20@8.30; calves, 7.50@10.00.

Sheep—Strong. Sheep, 5.65@6.60; yearlings, 6.75@7.80; lambs, 6.75@8.70.

WENKNESS IN STOCK MARKET

Trend of Past Fed Days Continues and Other Stocks Drop to Minimum Set by Exchange

New York, Dec. 24.—In its essentials today's stock market continued to traverse the ground of the last few days. More minimum prices were shown in shares of investment, and speculative value, the list including Canadian Pacific, Baltimore and Ohio, and Southern Railway, while United States Steel and Southern Pacific repeated their established low quotations of the preceeding session. Over a score of inactive and miscellaneous stocks sold lower than before.

Opening prices reflected continued irregularity followed by rallies which carried the leaders 1 to 2 points above yesterday's close.

Renewal weakness in Canadian Pacific and Southern Railway preferred on extensive offerings unsettled the list in the afternoon with lowest prices of the day recorded. In the final dealings some buying of Amalgamated Copper and Reading imparted a better undertone, but the closing was heavy and uncertain.

Weakness of the high priced railway shares indicated that the reduced dividend declared yesterday by the directors of the Pennsylvania company was causing apprehension respecting the dividend status of the other stocks in this class. Declaration of the regular New York Central dividend on its increased capital stock imparted firmness to the Vanderbilt group.

A loss of more than $10,000,000 gold was the interesting feature of the Bank of England's weekly statement. London brokers were said to have expressed disappointment over the terms imposed for resumption of business on the stock exchange.

The local bond market was heavy on small overturn. Total transactions, pa rvalue, aggregated $1,105,000 United States government bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	49⅞
American Agricultural . . offered	45
American Can	24
American Car and Foundry	42½
American Cities, pfd	59¼
American Cotton Oil	38½
American Smelting	54⅛
American Snuff	155
American Sugar	101⅞
American Tel and Tel	116⅜
American Tobacco	215
Atchison	89¾
Atlantic Coast Line . . offered	102
Baltimore and Ohio	67
Canadian Pacific	153½
Central Leather	35⅞
Chesapeake and Ohio	40½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	85¼
Erie	21
General Electric	B.137
Great Northern, pfd	112
Illinois Central	107⅝
Interborough-Met., pfd . offered	50
Kansas City Southern	21
Lehigh Valley (ex. div. 2½)	128
Louisville and Nashville . offered	115
Liggett and Myers	205
Lorillard Co	170
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	9¾
Missouri Pacific	9½
Mexican Petroleum	52
New York Central	81¾
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	53
Norfolk and Western	98½
Northern Pacific	96⅝
Pennsylvania	102⅝
Reading	141¼
Rep. Iron and Steel	18
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	75
Rock Island Co	⅝
Rock Island Co., pfd	1
St. L. and San Fran., 2nd pfd	3
Seaboard Air Line	10
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	B. 40
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	22½
Southern Pacific	81
Southern Railway	14
Southern Railway, pfd	58
Tennessee Copper	36½
Texas Co	126
Texas and Pacific	12
Union Pacific	114
United States Steel	48
United States Steel, pfd	104
Utah Copper	46½
Virginia-Caro. Chem	17

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Thursday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 60c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 28c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 12.—North Carolina Peanuts—Market, stronger; new crop, fancy, hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 70c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts — Weaker. New crop Jumboes, 65c.; fancy, hand picked, 60c.; No. 1, machine picked, 55c. per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—Steady. New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c.; Jumboes, 65c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 3.—Spanish—Farmer's stock—Market, steady, 85c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock—Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¼c. per lb. Extra Prime, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb. Shelling stock, 2¾c. to 2¾c. per lb.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 24.—Turpentine, firm, 31½; sales, 251; receipts, 354; shipments, 3; stocks, 25,359.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 625; receipts, 1,-843; shipments, none; stocks, 144,350. Quote: A, B, C, D, 3.15; E, F, 3.20; G, 3.22½; H, 3.25; I, 3.50; K, 4.00; M, 4.50; N, 5.50; W G, 5.75; W W, 5.80.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 25, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 44 degrees; at 8 P. M. 43 degrees; maximum 50 degrees; minimum 41 degrees; mean 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.37 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. Wednesday 15.7 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Rain Friday; Saturday clearing and colder.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 25, 1914.

Sun Rises	7:16 A. M.
Sun sets	5:09 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	4:15	4:39	11:37	11:55
Southport	2:30	2:39	8:48	9:00
Masonboro Inlet	2:09	2:25	8:32	8:49

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 24, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	rain	42	40	.76
Asheville	rain	38	34	.16
Atlanta	cloudy	48	34	.02
Augusta	cldy	52	42	.08
Birmingh	cldy	60	40	.01
Boston	snow	24	14	.01
Charleston	cldy	52	48	.0
Charlotte	rain	42	36	.22
Chicago	clear	28	18	.0
Galveston	rain	66	50	.06
Jacksonv	pt cldy	74	52	.0
Memphis	rain	38	36	1.14
Mobile	cldy	66	52	.6
Montgom'y	cldy	70	44	.10
New Orl	cldy	76	50	.0
New York	snow	26	20	.01
Oklahoma	snow	36	36	1.02
Palestine	rain	46	42	1.46
Pittsburg	cldy	32	18	.10
Raleigh	rain	40	36	.22
Savannah	cldy	62	50	.0
Shreveport	rain	46	42	1.92
St. Louis	cldy	38	30	.04
Washing'n	cldy	30	26	.26

CAROLINA COTTON MARKETS.

(Daily Quotations, by State Division of Marketing.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Cotton—Middling — Raleigh, 6¾; Fayetteville, 6 3-4; Charlotte, 7 1-4; Norfolk, 7 1-4.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 24. — Cotton spot, quiet; prices, irregular. American middling fair, 5.42; good middling, 4.77; middling, 4.53; low middling, 4.06; good ordinary, 3.44; ordinary, 2.99.

Sales, 5,000 bales, including 4,000 American and 500 for speculation and export. Receipts, 5,000 bales, including 3,100 American.

Futures closed steady (1 P. M. close): May and June, 4.28; July and August, 4.35; October and November, 4.47; January and February, 4.52.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange, easier; sixty day bills, 4.83; for cables, 4.8675; for demand, 4.8575. Bar silver, 48¾. Mexican dollars, 37.

Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, heavy.

DUN'S BUSINESS REVIEW.

Several Things Occurring During Week Exert Influence on Markets.

New York, Dec. 24.—Dun's Review will say on Saturday:

"The railroad rate decision, continued big exports of wheat and other products and colder weather exerted the most important influence in the markets this week. The recent progress in financial recuperation, the rapid establishment of a big balance of trade in favor of this country and the rate decision giving a large part of the relief asked for from the Interstate Commerce Commission, combined to create a favorable sentiment in business. The better feeling has undoubtedly imparted a brisker movement to the Christmas trade, which, though less in volume than last year, has been much more active than appeared possible a few weeks ago.

Bank clearings for the week were $2,068,326,108, a decrease of 11.3 per cent as compared with $2,331,358,727 in the same week last year.

"Failures for the week were 376 against 449 last week and 289 in the same week last year.

"Wheat exports were 6,577,942 bushels against 3,804,783 a year ago."

WHEAT SHOWED BETTER TONE.

Rallying Power Displayed on Chicago Grain Pit—Closed at Decline.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Wheat showed rallying power today after it became evident European demand had not materially decreased, despite Argentine advices favoring the bear side. Closed steady at a shade decline to ¼@⅜c. advance, compared with last night.

Corn wound up with a gain of ⅝@¾, and oats of ⅝c.

Provisions closed unchanged to 10c. higher.

Grain and provisions closing:

Wheat—December, 126; May, 129.

Corn—December, 66; May, 72⅝.

Oats—December, 49¼; May, 53½.

Pork—January, 18.35; May, 18.95.

Lard—January, 10.32; May, 10.55.

Ribs—January, 10.12; May, 10.47.

Cash grain:

Wheat — No. 2, red, 1.25½@1.26½; No. 2, hard, 125¾@1.26¾; No. 3, Northern, 1.28.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 66½@67.

Oats—Standard, 49½@50.

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Lv. Lynchburg	2:45p.m.	2:30a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20a.m.	6:20a.m.
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EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:26 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
.....	.....	.....	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	b10:31 A. M.	b10:30 A. M.	.....
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
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1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	c2:46 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
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c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 22, 1914. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 6:35 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman sleeping cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. ‡ 6:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 65. ‡ 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 56. * 5:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 59. ‡ 4:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60. ‡10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

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COMMITTEES CONSIDER PLANS AS SUGGESTED

For the Protection of Western Hemisphere Waters.

Pan-American Union Governing Board Met Yesterday and Name Committees to Examine Every Plan Offered by Nations.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Committees to consider the plans proposed by various South American countries for maintenance of neutrality by the republics of the Western Hemisphere were named at today's meeting of the special commission of the governing board of the Pan-American Union.

The ambassador from Brazil and the ministers from Peru and Honduras were appointed to consider the Peruvian plan; the ambassador from Chile and the ministers from Uruguay and Cuba, that of Chile, and the ambassador from Argentina, Secretary Bryan and the minister from Ecuador that to be presented by Argentina.

The Peruvian plan would provide for enlarged neutral zones in both the Atlantic and Pacific, which would be declared free from all activities of belligerent warships. The Chilean plan proposes that belligerent vessels in American ports be given only enough coal to take them to the nearest port in the adjoining country, unless they agree to go direct to European ports.

GREAT NATURALIST, JOHN MUIR, IS DEAD

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Muir came to this country at the age of 11 and after graduating from the University of Wisconsin, with the class of 1864, plunged immediately into his life work of geologist, explorer and naturalist.

His descriptions of the Yosemite Valley first brought it into national fame and his visit there left him with a love of the West which led him to make his home at Martinez, Cal., in his later years.

To the great glacier discovered in Alaska in 1881, his name was given and as a member of the DeLong relief expedition he made further valuable Polar reports. Later his travels, partly in company with John Burroughs, took him to Hawaii, Russia, Siberia, Manchuria, India and Australia, but his life work was in the mountains of Western America where he made an elaborate classification of faunal and floral life, supplemented by much descriptive writing.

Harvard, Yale, Wisconsin and other universities granted him honorary degrees. Of recent years his signature was rarely seen, but he had remained sturdy and active until his sudden seizure by pneumonia.

ACTION IN FRANK CASE POSTPONED

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plication until Saturday at least, and possibly until Monday.

Most of the points in the case are fresh in the justice's mind, as just before Thanksgiving he denied an application for a writ of error to review the action of the Georgia Supreme Court in refusing to set aside the verdict.

The justice held in that proceeding that the state of Georgia had exclusive power over procedure of state courts. The attempt today was to establish that the case now could be considered on its merits.

ENGLISH AND GERMAN TROOPS HOBNOBBED IN SAME TRENCH.

Lived Together in Peace Until Mail Brought Berlin Newspapers.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Boulogne, Dec. 24.—A British soldier relates a remarkable story of how the English and Germans hobnobbed in the same trench a few miles south of Ypres.

There were a handful of Germans and a smaller handful of Allied forces. Trenches were but a few yards apart, and in these for more than a week the men of both sides had been bored and inactive. They amused themselves as best they could—exchanging messages, swapping newspapers and tobacco, hurling back and forth greetings and epithets.

More days passed and still neither side received orders either to attack or to withdraw. Some sort of co-operation seemed necessary. Accordingly, the Germans hoisted a white flag, and, advancing under this, entered the allied trench for a conference. The result was an agreement was reached that it would be more comfortable for all to live in one trench until one side or the other received orders.

The Germans moved over bag and baggage, and for a number of days all went well. Many of the Germans spoke English or French. Under the strange circumstances friendships sprung up. Both factions dreaded the arrival of a messenger.

One day a messenger came, and plans for the renewal of hostilities were hastily made. But the messenger proved to be only a bearer of mail and newspapers for the Germans. All gathered round while a German began to translate the latest dispatch from Berlin. Unhappily for the harmony of the gathering, it referred to Ostend by its German knick-name "Kales"; spoke of bomb droppings on various French towns, of contemplated air raids on Great Britain.

The English frowned, growled; the French grew excited. Both sides had by agreement laid aside their rifles; but both sides still had their fists. Both used them. A free-for-all fight followed, and the unique compact came to an end.

MAGEE SIGNED YESTERDAY.

Stallings Announced Fact at Macon, Ga.—Figures Not Given.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 24.—George Stallings, manager of the Boston National League Club, announced here tonight that Sherwood R. Magee, traded to Boston by the Philadelphia Nationals had signed a contract with his new club in New York today.

The Boston leader declined to make public the cash consideration involved and added that the players to be transferred to Philadelphia would be selected in January.

ATTENTION

Trustee's Sale of the G. H. Haar stock of fancy articles, dry goods, notions, etc. now on at 111 Chesnut street. All suitable for Christmas presents. Prices guaranteed below cost. —Advertisement. tf.

SHIP AT CHARLESTON WAITS FOR FLAMES.

Fast Aground After Fire in Cotton Cargo Has Been Subdued.

Charleston, Dec. 23.—With the fire that raged below her decks well under control, though still hot in places and causing a large loss, it is believed, the Norwegian steamship Orion, which left Savannah yesterday morning with 10,000 bales of cotton for Gothenburg, Sweden, lay fast aground this morning about 1,000 feet off East Battery, just below the Carolina Yacht Club, where she had been towed from the stream to avoid danger of turning turtle when her hold was flooded, as originally planned. Flanked by the salving tugs Waban and Cecilia, also aground, the Orion lay with smouldering bales from her hold No. 2 on deck, and with enough steam to get off bottom and into deck on the high tide, should Capt. Ansboy be ready to come to moorings.

Forced to abandon the plan of flooding hold No. 2 to the deck and drowning out the treacherous smouldering flames, because of a badly leaking bulkhead, which threatened to flood the engine room, the tugs of Capt. Lockwood and Capt. Flatley were compelled to diminish the streams of sea water that were being poured into the fiery hold of the Orion, and the plan was adopted to systematically stamp out the conflagration by removing the bales to the deck of the tramp and plying the cavern between decks with limited streams of water. Stevedores were taken to the Orion and the work of removing the cotton from her smoking hold went forward.

The Orion was loaded with 10,000 bales of cotton at Savannah by the Henry Nanninga Company and sailed from that port yesterday morning for Gothenburg.

When about 35 miles off the mouth of this harbor, the fire was discovered in hold No. 2, where about 3,000 bales of cotton were loaded.

EPEDEMIC OF SMALL POX

In the Northern Part of Wilson County —One Fatality

(Special Star Correspondence)

Wilson, N. C., Dec, 24.—The northern section of the county is battling with an epidemic of small pox. Twenty cases are reported in the neighborhood of Upper Town Creek. Mr. W. V. Oakley of that section of the county came to Wilson Wednesday afternoon for a consultation with the county officials in reference to the condition in his section.

Mr. Oakley has recently recovered from a severe case of the disease and Mr. Augustus Cobb, well-to-do farmer living near Elm City, died of small pox Wednesday. Mr. Cobb was 76 years old. The case was reported of violent type and so are other cases of that part of the county. There are twelve cases on one farm and in two families. Another family has four down with the disease. These cases are all among the white farmers and the serious trouble at this time is with the negroes, among whom are many cases and they seem to be hard to control.

BUGGY FACTORY TO RESUME

Large Enterprise at Washington to Start Up January 4th.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Washington, N. C., Dec 24.— The Washington Buggy Company which has been shut down for the past several weeks on account of dull business in the Southern States, will resume operations Monday, January 4th, 1915. This is not only pleasing news to the employees of this large plant, but to the entire city as well.

New York, Dec. 24.—The trial of Porter Charlton for the murder of his wife at Como, Italy, again has been postponed, according to cable advices today to Charlton's attorney. Charlton has been in prison here and in Italy for more than three years and a half.

BOTH EUROPEAN LINES SEE FIERCE FIGHTING

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the district to the Southeast of Tomaszow. The Russians attacked fiercely several times, but were repulsed by the Austro-German armies with heavy losses.

"Further to the south the situation generally is unchanged."

FRENCH SUCCESSES RECOUNTED.

Official Statement Tells of Advances of the French Forces at Front.

Paris, Dec. 24. — The French official statement given out this afternoon recites a series of French successes of apparently minor importance from the sea, on the north, to the froniter of Alsace, on the south. The locations where French troops have gained the advantage are given as along the Lys; in the region of the Aisne; in Champagne; near Perthes; in the Argonne; in the forest of Apremont, and near St. Die.

Fog prevented fighting near Arras and Verdun, and there has been artillery fighting southeast of Amiens, near Ville-Sur-Tourbe, and in the forest of Apremont.

REVISION COMMITTEE FIXES DIFFERENCES.

Action by New York Cotton Exchange Taken Yesterday—New Styles.

New York, Dec. 24.—The revision committee of the Cotton Exchange today fixed the differences between the government grades which are tenderable on the new style January contract. Compared with the differences fixed between the old New York standards as applied to December deliveries, the new differences increased the premiums on the high grades and reduced th low grade discounts, presumably in recognition of the stricter requirements of the government grading. A premium of 50 points is awarded the government grade of good middling for instance, comparing with a premium of 40 points on the old grade on the same name, while the government grade of low middling is valued at 92 points under middling as compared with the old style difference of 125 points.

The first notice day will be December 28 for new contracts. There will be another meeting of the revision committee December 30th to fix differences betwee nthe old New York grades should there be any January deliveries on the old style contracts.

MARRIED AT ATKINSON

Miss Gertrude Melvin Bride of Mr. W. W. Peterson.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Atkinson, N. C., Dec, 24.—Mr. W. W. Peterson and Miss Gertrude Melvin, both of this place, were married yesterday at the home of Mr. J. H. Dobson, who efficiated. The newly married couple left for Sampson county to spend Christmas with relatives. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life.

SHERWOOD MAGEE TRADED TO BOSTON NATIONALS

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec, 24—Sherwood R. Magee, Philadelphia National outfielder, was today traded to the Boston Nationals for cash and some players.

The amount of cash involved was not announced. The players the Philadelphia Club will receive from the Boston team will be selected later.

Thaw, Against Whom Supreme Court Rules, On Fishing Trip in His New Hampshire Exile

Harry Thaw, perhaps the most notorious prisoner at this time in the United States, who has been in New Hampshire since he escaped from Matteawan Asylum in New York State, where he was sentenced for the murder of Stanford White, must be returned to that state. He escaped in an automobile with the aid of several notorious characters of New York City. When he was captured a Federal judge in New Hampshire decided in his favor. The attorney general of New York took the case to the United States Supreme Court.

There the contention that Thaw had been indicted for conspiracy in escaping and should be returned to New York to answer that indictment, whether insane or not, was upheld. He must go back to stand trial despite the fact that the courts of New York have already decided he is insane. William T. Jerome, who fought the case for New York, insists that the prisoner will be tried on the conspiracy indictment.

COMMITTEE URGED TO ADOPT MEASURE

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honorable service may, upon their own application, be transferred to the reserve on half pay; those of 16 years service with one-third pay; those of twelve years service with one fourth pay; those of eight years service with $60 per annum; those of four years service with $30 per annum, and those now in civil life who have been honorably discharged within eight years may enlist in the naval reserve and receive pay at the rate of $12 per annum and be furnished with uniform clothing outfit. Provision is made for periodical assembling for muster, inspection and drill.

Daniels Urges Adoption

In his letter to the committee Secretary Daniels said:

"The records of the Navy Department for the last three years indicate that there is an annual average of about 3,150 men honorably discharged from the service who do not re-enlist in the navy, but take up civil pursuits. It is believed the legislation herein proposed offers an inducement which will cause more of these experienced men to remain longer in the regular service, and that practically all of those who do not re-enlist in the navy will nevertheless enlist in the naval reserve. In other words the number of men annually lost to the service will be greatly reduced."

Mr. Daniels gave the following table showing the number of enlisted men of the navy and their length of service on June 30th, 1914.

"Under four years 34,027.

More than four years and less than eight years 10,909.

More than eight years and less than 12 years 4,529.

More than 12 years and less than 16 years 1,588.

More than 16 years and less than 19 years 745.

More than 19 years and less than 22 years 407.

More than 22 years and less than 25 years 249.

More than 25 years and less than 28 years 136.

More than 28 years 77.

Total 52,667.

AGED NEGRESS AND HER GRANDCHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Distressing Tragedy Occurs at Mount Olive, N. C.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mt. Olive, N. C., Dec. 22.—A most distressing and deplorable accident occurred here two or three days ago, when Clarisso Peterson, colored, aged 75, and her three-year-old great-granddaughter were so fearfully burned that their death followed several hours later.

The old colored woman was at work washing clothes in the yard, when her clothing caught from the fire under the pot. The little child was near by and ran to assist its grandmother, when its own clothing also caught.

Their screams soon brought assistance from nearby neighbors, but not until both had been so horribly burned that recovery was impossible.

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